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Greece to confer formal status on PLO soon

ATHENS, Oct. 23 (AFP) — Greece will recognize the Palestine Liberation Organization formally at the end of the year and invite PLO chief Yasser Arafat for an official visit, officials here said Friday.

The move would make Greece the first member of the European Community and North Atlantic Treaty Organization to recognize the PLO. The announcement comes three days after the Soviet Union announced it would accord the PLO diplomatic status.

Greece's new Socialist Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu, sworn in Tuesday, personally confirmed rumors circulating here Thursday night that Athens would recognize the PLO before the end of the year. Asked about the reports, Papandreu told agency France-Press Friday, "Yes that is correct", but added, "I cannot get into details at the moment." The prime minister, who made his comments on emerging from a long meeting with Cyprus President Spyros Kyprianou, did say, however, that the visit by Arafat would take place this year.

Friday's announcement comes just under a year after the PLO was allowed to open an office in Athens. Two other countries in Western Europe have accorded diplomatic recognition to the Palestinian group, Austria and Spain, although Madrid granted the PLO only qualified diplomatic status.

The Soviet Union was the only one of the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council — including China, France, the United States and Britain — to accord diplomatic status to the PLO.

Other countries that made the move are: Romania, East Germany, Bulgaria, Zaire, Cuba, Cyprus, India, Iran, Kenya, Malaysia, Pakistan, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Tanzania as well as all the Arab states.

The PLO's representative in Greece, Shawk Almal, hailed the move by Athens as "an example of courage" and a "stunning victory for the Palestinian people and their legitimate representative, the PLO."

"The taking of this position will surely help consolidate the political and economic ties between Greece and the Arab nation," Almal said. He said the decision should show to those who have a tendency to ignore it that the conditions *Sine Qua Non* for a just and durable peace in the Middle East can only come through the Palestinian people and their legitimate representative, the PLO."

Qaddafi remarks annoy Italians

ROME, Oct. 23 (AP) — Italians expressed outrage Friday over statements by Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi criticizing the coalition as unstable and describing some government parties as fascist.

In an interview with Italy's state broadcast network Rai, Qaddafi also repeated a threat to attack any military bases in the Mediterranean that support the U.S. Sixth Fleet in a new challenge to Libya's claim to the Gulf of Sidra off the Libyan coast.

Qaddafi said "some (Italian) parties of the right, which still conserve the spirit of fascism" were hostile to Libya and were threatening Italian interests. The national news agency Ansa, which distributed an advanced text of the interview, followed it with a statement from the foreign ministry contesting Qaddafi's views on Italy's political system and parties in the coalition government.

It said Qaddafi's remarks were "without foundation and attributable only to a total ignorance of the history and political system of our republic founded on the values of resistance and anti-fascism." The Socialist-leaning *La Repubblica* newspaper, whose editor Eugenio Scalfari participated in the interview in Tripoli, described Qaddafi's remarks as "incredible" and headlined: "According to Qaddafi, we are all fascists."



Fahd-Zhao talks: Crown Prince Fahd and Prime Minister Zhao Ziyang of the People's Republic of China met for the first time during the North-South summit in Cancun Thursday.

Thatcher disappointed

SDP alliance wins U.K. poll

LONDON, Oct. 23 (R) — A spectacular mid-term election victory Friday strengthened the claim of Britain's new centrist alliance of Liberals and Social Democrats to be a credible alternative to the two main political parties.

Liberal leader David Steel, hailing the result of the parliamentary by-election Thursday in south London, said his party's alliance with the new Social Democratic Party (SDP) — formed an unstoppable combination. "This is no flash in the pan," he told a student rally in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Liberal candidate William Pitt, 44, who had the support of the alliance, wrested the House of Commons seat for Croydon North-west from the ruling Conservative Party which had held it for more than 30 years. Steel, who now leads 12 Liberals in the 635-seat house, added: "There is a clear obligation on us now to cement the alliance in every seat in the country and to provide our people with a third choice of government at the general election."

The middle-of-the-road alliance, forged one month ago, has pledged that Social Democratic and Liberal candidates will each contest half the seats in the next election, due by 1984.

The SDP already has 21 members of parliament in the House of Commons, all but one of whom defected from the opposition Labor Party in dismay at its lurch to the left. The other quit the Conservatives because they were swinging to the right. The Conservatives and the Labor Party — which between them have held power for most of this century — Thursday began inquests to find out what went wrong in Croydon.

Conservative Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher heard of the party's defeat in Can-

cun, Mexico, where she is attending the 22-nation summit on world development, and was disappointed. Her spokesman said she realized things were difficult but there were no soft options if the government was to put right those things which had been wrong with Britain for years.

Labor's humiliating third place was blamed by leader Michael Foot on "distractions and dissensions" within the party over the last 18 months. But others in the party, believing that it should have won the seat or at least made a strong showing at a time of public disquiet over high unemployment and other adverse effects of unpopular government policies, looked for scapegoats.

They settled on Ken Livingstone, controversial left-wing Labor leader of the Greater London Council (GLC), which includes the borough where Thursday's election was fought. He recently raised property taxes to subsidize the capital's buses and underground railway. He raised tempers after two London bombings this month by Irish Republican guerrillas when he was reported to have said the bombers were misunderstood.

Foot acknowledged that economic affairs were one extraneous factor that influenced the election but said the overwhelming cause of Labor's defeat was the distractions within the party. "We can and will overcome this," he said in a television interview. "We have a year or so in which we must put our affairs right and save the country because we are the only people who can do it."

The Social Democrats set their sights on the next by-election at Crosby, near Liverpool, probably in December. Shirley Williams, one of the SDP's four joint leaders, will contest the election in which she will be trying to overturn a Conservative majority of more than 19,000 votes.

One-man bid to hijack U.S. jet fails

NEW YORK, Oct. 23 (R) — A Puerto Rican tried to hijack an American airlines DC-10 and divert it to Canada but surrendered without a struggle when the plane landed early Friday at New York, police said.

The unarmed man was on a plane carrying 108 passengers and 11 crew on a flight from the Puerto Rican capital of San Juan. He passed a note to a flight attendant shortly after takeoff which said he wanted the plane to fly to Canada, police said. But when he was told that it would have to refuel in New York, he agreed. He claimed he had an explosive device and two accomplices among the flight's passengers.

After the plane landed, 10 minutes ahead of schedule, the man was taken into custody. A search of the aircraft and luggage failed to reveal any explosives or weapons. Alberto Gonzalez, 41, was later charged with air piracy, an offense carrying a possible penalty of 20 years' jail and a \$10,000 fine.

A Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) spokesman said the would-be hijacker, who was unarmed, surrendered to FBI agents without a struggle. The detained man's motives were not clear, but he wanted to fly to Canada and speak to what he termed a high FBI official.

Japanese mine flooded

YUBARI, Japan, Oct. 23 (R) — Mine officials began pumping tons of water down a burning coal mine Friday after getting permission from the relatives of 59 miners trapped, but presumed dead, inside the shaft.

A spokesman for the mine, which burst into flames last Friday after a methane gas leak, said the bodies would not be recovered for at least six months. Ninety-three miners were killed in the accident, but only 34 bodies were recovered as rescuers were forced back to the surface.

Fahd, Zhao meet for the first time N-S talks prospects brighten

CANCUN, Mexico, Oct. 23 (Agencies) — World leaders attending the North-South summit here entered their second and final day of talks Friday buoyed by the prospect of reopening a stalled dialogue between rich and poor nations, conference sources said.

But they said that there were still fundamental differences on how best to bridge the poverty gap dividing the industrialized and developing worlds. The optimistic mood appeared to be a reaction to U.S. President Ronald Reagan's opening remarks to the 22-nation summit Thursday in which he conditionally accepted the possibility of global negotiations on development. However, he said the U.S. will oppose the creation of any new organization to coordinate "global negotiations" on key issues.

The opening session was characterized as generally successful. The opening speeches set the stage for future negotiations on North-South differences, and allowed the leaders to begin concentrating on some of the "nuts and bolts" issues that separate them. The leaders dealt with problems of hunger and food in the developing world Thursday afternoon.

Developing countries say the current economic order helps the rich and hurts the poor. They want to redress this imbalance by taking an integrated approach to discussions on food, energy, aid and other issues — a format they call global negotiations. In fact, Reagan did not make any substantial concession to supporters of global economic negotiations. He rejected Third World demands that these negotiations take place mainly at the United Nations, and that all issues be discussed "globally."

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The four points Reagan identified for participation in global negotiations were:

—The talks should be oriented toward specific areas including liberalizing trade regulations, energy and food development and approving the investment climate.

—The talks should not seek to create new international institutions but should recognize the "competence, functions and powers" of existing international agencies.

—They should be aimed at achieving greater international economic growth that would benefit all while taking into account domestic economic policies.

—They should be held in a cooperative atmosphere, "rather than one in which views become polarized and chances for agreement are needlessly sacrificed."

"If these understandings are accepted, then the U.S. would be willing to engage in a new preparatory process to see what may be achieved," Reagan said, suggesting that representatives of the 22 nations confer informally in the future about the process.

Saudi Arabia

In his speech to the conference, Crown Prince Fahd stressed to the gathering that global cooperation is the basis of development and stability, and that satisfactory growth rates in the developing countries would ensure continued growth for the industrialized countries. Speaking out of a deep feeling attained through the Kingdom's development process, Prince Fahd said that the conference is more than one group of nations demanding something from another group, but it is an attempt to realize the common interests of all concerned.

Prince Fahd told the leaders that Saudi Arabia expected great accomplishments to result from the effort. Facing developments in the world at large requires concentrating on practical solutions, he added. (See full

speech on page 2)

Earlier, Crown Prince Fahd continued his bilateral talks and contacts with other leaders attending the conference including President Marcos of the Philippines, prime minister of Bangladesh and President Francois Mitterrand. He also attended the luncheon given by Indian Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi and the dinner party hosted by President Lopez Portillo of Mexico. Prince Fahd also met for the first time Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang. The two leaders discussed global issues.

Japan

Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki gave Japan as an example of a nation which, about a hundred years ago, was a poor country, "so small in area and poor in national resources," and emphasized that "the determination to be self-reliant" is paramount for poor countries wishing to emerge from

poverty. He said industrial "North" countries should not make domestic reforms in developing countries a precondition for the establishment of the new world economic order. Zhao blamed "all kinds of external abstraction" for the economic problems of the Third World.

He said while it was true that developed countries were also plagued by economic stagnation and inflation, they had only themselves to blame for the problems. "The prosperity of the developed countries was, in the past, built on the poverty of the underdeveloped countries," he added.

French President Francois Mitterrand said the essential task was to "endow our world with more unity while scrupulously respecting its diversity." He said the conference could succeed if "everybody comes here with a very open mind and the greatest possible precision in the defining methods."

"Is it necessary in choose between spontaneous development of trade and organized re-enforcement of aid?... he asked. "Would it not be better to try to harmonize them in order to substitute an intelligent, concerted approach for the forced relationships that have not been able to resolve anything? We have talked about nothing as long as we have not talked about the extraordinarily precarious privations of the poor countries that produce raw materials, and sometimes depend on a single raw material subject to speculation rather than the laws of a free market," Mitterrand added.

West Germany urged the U.S. and other industrial nations to open global negotiations on economic problems with the Third World to avoid political tensions that could be exploited by the Soviet Union. Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher told the summit that industrial nations must avoid letting East-West tensions spill over into North-South relations.

He said developed and developing countries must agree to reform trade relations and avoid protectionism. The industrial countries had to help the Third World by reducing inflation and restoring growth in their own economies in order to be able to import more, he said. Both developed and developing nations had to join forces to end famine and the rich should help the poor develop new energy resources instead of oil, he said.

Britain's Prime Minister Mrs. Margaret Thatcher said Britain favors full, all-nation negotiations on the world economic order. She said: "We are ever ready to have a new round of preparations for global negotiations." Mrs. Thatcher agreed with the position taken by U.S. President Ronald Reagan on international financial institutions. They should not be substantially altered as some developing nations have proposed. "Otherwise, these bodies will become less able to help, and private lenders and investors will become less willing to help," she said referring to the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

On Third World proposals to create an energy affiliate in the World Bank, she said, "Assuming this will attract additional funds which would otherwise go to the World Bank, particularly from the oil surplus countries, we will gladly support it."

Austria proposed at the conference "Marshall Plan" type project similar to the huge U.S.-funded aid program that helped revive

underdevelopment. In a speech at the conference, Suzuki said: "Japan realizes the political significance of the global round of negotiations at the United Nations and hopes sincerely that, as early as possible, an agreement on procedure and agenda acceptable to both North and South will be obtained and every arrangement for its launching will be made."

In contrast to the United States, which is not increasing its proportionate aid to the developing world, Suzuki said the Japanese government will double in the next five years the \$10.7 billion in aid it granted to developing countries between 1976-1980.

China's Premier Zhao Ziyang said global negotiations on setting up a new world economic order should start not later than

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Fahd addresses Cancun delegates

CANCUN, Oct. 23 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd told the opening session of the North-South summit his country is expecting much to be achieved as a result of the gathering and he has confidence the international weight of the participating nations and leaders will turn such expectations into possible facts.

Addressing the 22-nation summit of the rich and poor countries, Prince Fahd said the participants are facing the issue of development in the world at large, the matter requires concentrating attention on practical solutions to the problem, so current viewpoints of the members will provide full awareness that the world can not achieve development and stability without a true global cooperation based on common interests.

"Without ensuring satisfactory growth rates in the developing countries and creating hope and determination for their peoples to enjoy better lives it will be difficult for the advanced nations to ensure their own satisfactory growth rates," he said. Prince Fahd added that problem of the developing states will multiply whenever they face more obstacles in realizing their goals.

Urging comprehensive and global negotiations to bridge the gap between the industrialized rich nations and the poor developing ones, Prince Fahd pointed out the role of Saudi Arabia, which as a member in the international community has acted with other nations of the world to achieve this goal out of its deep feeling about its own national development. "So, while participating in this summit we have a clear-cut concept that

international cooperation on development is not a demand of a group of nations from another, but an attempt to realize common interests among all the nations of the world," Prince Fahd said.

"In the future, as it was the case in the past, Saudi Arabia will always be ready to cooperate and take part in any international efforts aiming at achieving these goals," he added. "My president, with such words, full of faith, confidence and hope I conclude my address to give more time for positive and constructive discussions," he concluded.

Advertising starts to 'roll' in Kingdom

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Oct. 23 — Street posters have won high acclaim in the Kingdom after a successful introduction in the United Arab Emirates, a *Saudi Business* report said Saturday. The publication reported Talal Sulaiman Saleem, director general of United Advertising Company as saying the company also has introduced a novel advertising concept in the Middle East through the Rotasign, a moving display system ideal for flashing messages in shopping centers, hotels, banks, airports and other public places.

The street posters are produced in collaboration with the European Poster Consultants of Britain. Except for printing, which is done in London, the work from art to copy is handled in Jeddah, the magazine added. The Rotasign basically consists of a large attractive metal case that encloses a film spool top and bottom. These revolve automatically, bringing into view an illuminating and changing scene of transparencies. Each picture frame is brilliantly lit and can be held in place for the desired amount of time required by the advertiser.

Carrington visit set for November

LONDON, Oct. 23 (AFP) — Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington will pay an official visit to Saudi Arabia from Nov. 3-5 to "discuss in detail" Crown Prince Fahd's eight-point Middle East peace plan, it was announced here Friday.

He will be going in his capacity as current president of the European Economic Community's council of ministers.

Foreign ministers of the EEC agreed at their meeting in London last week that Lord Carrington should go to Riyadh for talks on the prince's proposals made in August. A Foreign Office spokesman said Lord Carrington was not expected to visit any other countries in the region during the trip.

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JEDDAH, Oct. 23 (SPA) — Officiating for King Khaled, Makkah Governor Prince Majed will dedicate here Saturday the fourth phase of the desalination plant, which will add 50 million gallons of water per day to the city's water supply.

The fourth phase of the project will bring the total output available for Jeddah and the surrounding areas to 90 million gallons and will produce another 500,000 kilowatts of power a day.

Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh said the ministry is undertaking several other ambitious projects to bring drinking water to every house in the country through a network of desalination pipelines and water treatment stations. At present, work is underway in Jubail to carry out the largest desalination plant in the country and will supply water to Riyadh. The 464-kilometer twin pipeline from the ten-unit desalination plant is part of a \$905 million contract won by an international consortium. The consortium is led by the West German Mannesmann Anlagentechnik and comprises Spie, Capag of France, Nacap of Holland and Williams Engineering of the United States.

Mattar attends IATA meeting

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Oct. 23 — Saudi's general manager, Capt. Ahmad Mattar has left for Cannes, France, to represent the airline at the annual meeting of the International Air Transport Association — IATA — which will be held from Oct. 26 to Oct. 29.

Saudia sources said Friday that Capt. Mattar also will chair an extraordinary meeting of the Arab Air Transport Association — AATA — before attending the IATA conference in order to coordinate Arab policies.

The IATA conference will discuss the problems faced by the airlines including the rising costs of operations and the mounting losses incurred by many of them.

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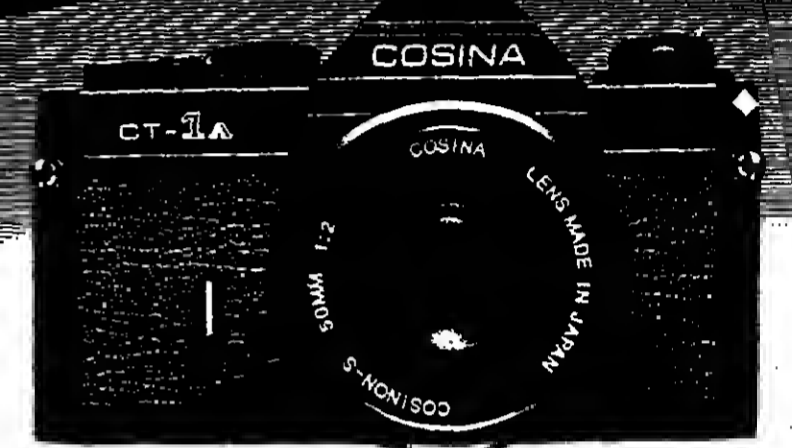
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Statement stirs controversy

Carrington backs Palestinian state

CANCUN, Oct. 23 (R) — A passing reference by British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington to the Palestinians' right to a legitimate state of their own has caused diplomatic ripples in the search for peace in the Middle East.

British Foreign Ministry officials were at pains Thursday to play down Lord Carrington's remark at a press conference Wednesday night ahead of the opening here of the 22-nation North-South summit on development.

Lord Carrington had said: "The right of Israel to live within secure boundaries should be accepted by the Arab world, and secondly...the right of the Palestinians for their own legitimate state in the area should be recognized by Israel." Hitberto, the European Economic Community (EEC) countries had only referred officially to the right of the Palestinians to self-determination, without

specifying how this should be achieved. The official British Foreign Office spokesman Nicholas Fenn said in a prepared statement the comments by Carrington who is current president of the EEC's council of ministers, reflected no change of policy.

A hastily-prepared diplomatic telegram to London and to British embassies in the Middle East said Lord Carrington had been expounding the Venice declaration on standard lines. "The 10 support the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination.

Logically, this includes the possibility — but no more than the possibility — that self-determination would result in a Palestinian state," Fenn told journalists.

But diplomatic sources conceded that contacts between EEC states and the PLO could be helped by indications that the idea of a Palestinian state might be gaining ground.

BRIEFS

ISLAMABAD. (AP) — Khan Abdul Qayyum Khan, a one-time political force who served as Pakistan's interior minister from 1974-77, died Thursday following a heart attack. He was 80. The British-educated Khan was active in the struggle for India's independence. However, he switched from the Congress Party in 1945 to the All-India Muslim League which successfully campaigned for a separate Muslim homeland of Pakistan.

MANILA. (AP) — Immigration authorities announced Friday the temporary release of 65 Iranian students arrested after street clashes with other Iranian students and police earlier this month, but said deportation proceed would continue.

TEL AVIV. (R) — The stationing of

Syrian anti-aircraft missiles in the strategic Lebanese Bekaa Valley could be solved militarily but such an approach might lead to full-scale war, Israeli chief of Staff Rafael Eitan said. "...There is and can be a military solution to the problem. We have spent a lot of time in evaluating what its effects are likely to be... I cannot say that a military solution will definitely cause a full-scale war. But I can't ignore the fact that such an outcome might occur." Gen. Eitan said in an interview in the *Masrip* newspaper published Thursday.

DACCA. (AFP) — At least 120 persons have died of cholera over the past month in Bangladesh where an epidemic is sweeping three sub-districts, press reports said here Friday. The Bengali daily *Ittefaq* claimed there was a shortage of medicines.

Turkey opens consultative assembly

ANKARA, Oct. 23 (R) — Turkey took its first formal step toward restoring democracy Friday with the opening of a consultative assembly which will prepare a new constitution.

In a speech inaugurating the government-appointed assembly, the head of state, Gen. Kenan Evren, warned Western countries not to put pressure on the military leaders as they prepare for civilian rule. The general told the 160 members meeting in the senate that Friday's ceremony constituted "the beginning of a process of reinstating a democratic regime..." No timetable has been set for the return to democracy, but a few diplomats here believe general elections will take place before the end of 1983.

The general's speech makes it clear the military was looking for a less liberal constitution than that in force since 1961. "We do not have the right to put the state into a powerless and inactive position," he declared.

Syria denies reports

BEIRUT, Oct. 23 (AP) — Syria denied Thursday reports of U.S. planes shunting between Syria and Libya to move units of Syrian armed forces to Libya, the Qatari news agency reported. The agency, quoting an unidentified Syrian official, said the Syrians are currently in a state of alert to join Libyan forces in an event of "foreign aggression". He added that the Syrian Army was able "to enter Libya in a matter of hours", if Libya was attacked, the agency said.

On Western Sahara

Mauritania is trying to maintain neutrality

NOUAKCHOTT, Oct. 23 (AFP) — Mauritania leaders are trying to convince the United States that Morocco's active anti-Mauritanian campaign could prejudice American policy in west Africa, according to sources close to meetings here between government officials and U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Chester Crocker.

Mauritanian official circles, who are unanimous in seeing the Moroccan campaign as an attempt to destabilize Mauritania aimed at setting up a pro-Moroccan regime in Nouakchott, note that once this country feels in immediate danger, it will be forced to seek foreign military aid. It might consider accepting help from sources which the U.S. considers unfriendly, such as Libya, Cuba, the Polisario fighting Morocco for control of Western Sahara, or even the Soviet Union.

Officials stress that Mauritania is trying to avoid such a development, and is looking instead for help to maintain its neutrality.

For this reason, the position of Americans in regional politics seems to government officials here to be crucial. Over the past few months, the U.S., France, Saudi Arabia and Iraq have tried to influence the Moroccan government as friends to moderate its attitude toward Mauritania. Each of the governments has made it clear to the authorities in Rabat that Morocco has no interest in seeing Mauritania thrown into the camp of its enemies.

Concern by some friendly governments led to a reconciliation between Morocco and Mauritania, which was sealed at a meeting between King Hassan and Mauritanian leader Muhammad Ould Haidera in July under the auspices of King Khaled in Taif.

France asks OAU to send army to Chad

CANCUN, Oct. 23 (R) — France has called on the Organization of African Unity (OAU) to send an inter-African peacekeeping force into Chad. French officials said Thursday that President Francois Mitterrand sent the appeal to Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi, current OAU chairman, after receiving information on the "grave deterioration" of civil strife in the landlocked African state.

Jean-Pierre Cot, minister of cooperation who has special charge of France's relations with its former colonies, told reporters the situation in Chad was now very serious. But he gave no details to explain the sudden despatch of the message, which pledged French financial and logistic support for an inter-African peacekeeping force.

Summit urged on autonomy

TEL AVIV, Oct. 23 (AFP) — A three-way summit of United States President Ronald Reagan, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin will be needed to end the stalemate on Palestinian autonomy talks, according to authoritative sources quoted by Israel radio Friday.

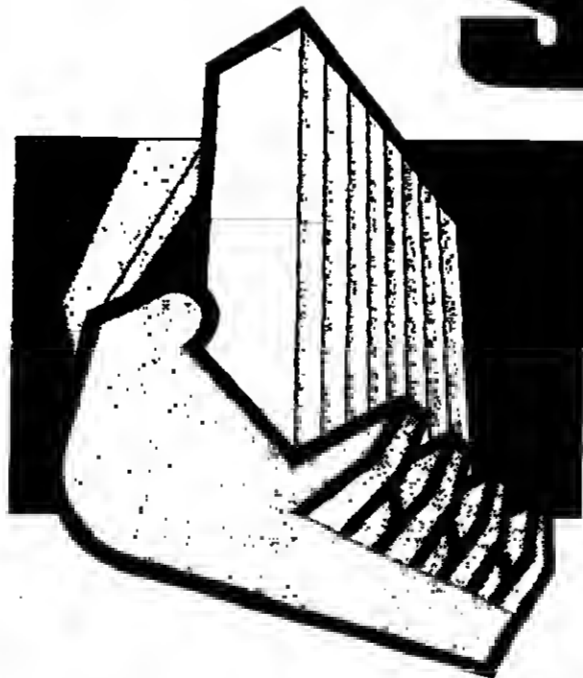
A similar proposal was put forward Thursday by former Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin during a meeting of the opposition Labor Party executive. The sources cited by the radio indicated that the fundamental Egyptian positions had not changed and were still unacceptable to Israel.

Soviet recognition praised by Arafat

TRIPOLI, Oct. 23 (R) — The chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Yasser Arafat, said here Friday he attached great importance to the Soviet Union's granting the PLO full diplomatic recognition.

"I consider it a very important event that we have been recognized at this level by this friendly superpower. It means a lot," he told reporters. Arafat was speaking to the press for the first time since the Soviet Union announced earlier this week that it granted full diplomatic recognition to the PLO during the Palestinian leader's visit to Moscow.

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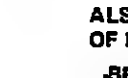







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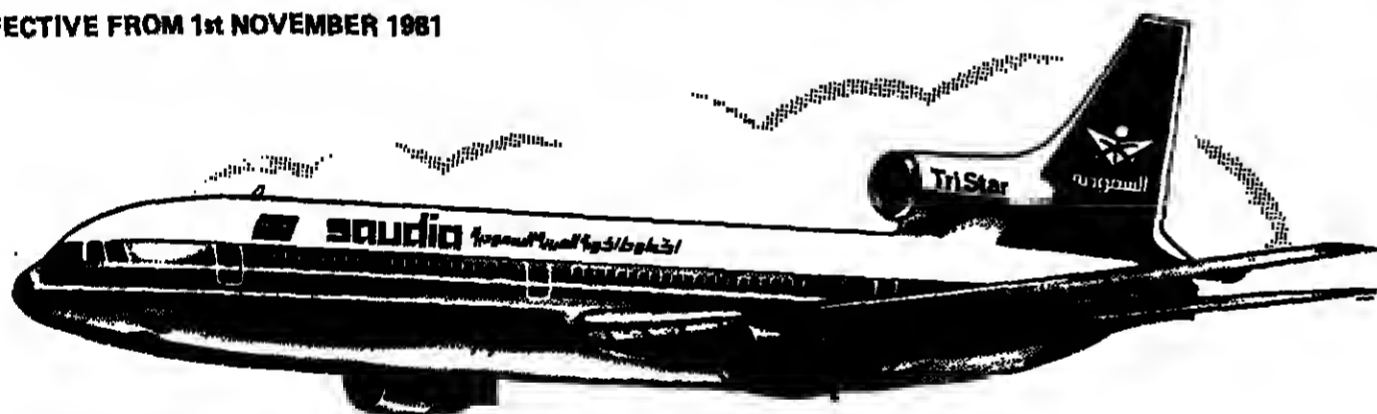


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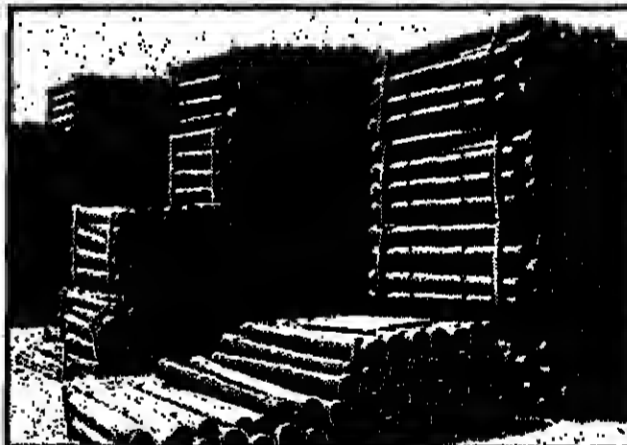
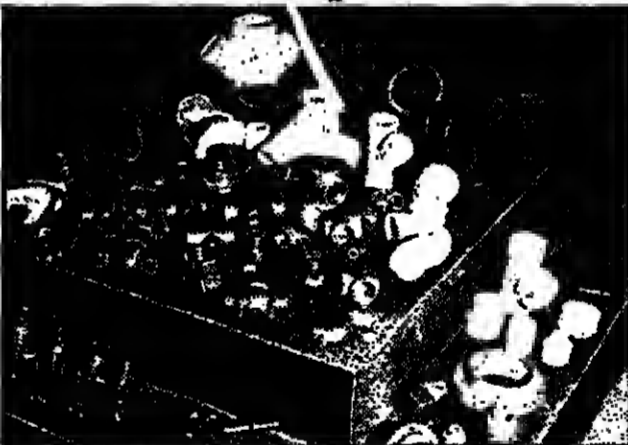
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China aims to keep Vietnam off balance

By Brian Eads

HANOI—Traveling north out of the Red River delta, through the mountains of Vietnam's border provinces, is like climbing into an early Sung Dynasty scroll painting. The jagged peaks, coated here and there with clumps of sparse vegetation, have the same rugged simplicity and stark beauty captured by Chinese painters a thousand years ago.

It is not a comparison the Vietnamese would welcome. To them this is the front line in the latest of an apparently interminable succession of wars. Indeed, the conflicts with France and the United States were but brief interruptions in the central national issue for the last 4,000 years; battling China.

"China has dominated Vietnam twice," Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach said in an interview. "Once for 1,000 years, once for 30 years. They have invaded Vietnam 12 times. The longest period of peace between Vietnam and China has been 350 years."

In Lang Son, nine miles south of the abandoned "Friendship Pass" border post, the local party chief catalogued Chinese "aggression." Like Thach in Hanoi, he now realized that Chinese "betrayal" had begun at the Geneva Conference in 1954, he said. At present the border conflict that has continued since the Chinese invasion 32 months ago stops short of full-scale war — but only just.

According to military sources in Hanoi, Vietnam has 160,000 front-line troops along the Chinese border, 90,000 more between the border provinces and Hanoi, and additional militia and reservists to be mobilized in the event of war. The Chinese strategy, officials say, is to keep Vietnam off balance, to squeeze it and bleed its resources. "But," said Thach, "Vietnam is not squeezed."

It is less than the whole truth. The suspension of Chinese and Western aid that came with Hanoi's intervention in Cambodia further disrupted a national economy which, in both north and south, has subsisted on foreign aid for 35 years. Factories lie idle or work short-time for want of spare parts, raw materials and fuel. Last year rice rotted in warehouses while cases of malnutrition multiplied.

Allowing for the vagaries of the weather, the failure to ensure the supply of sufficient rice was a blow to the government's prestige. The joke in Saigon is that when Hanoi urged people to tighten their belts the reply went back: "Please send us some belts."

For all the hardship and failures to deliver a prosperous peace, the notion that Vietnam can be bludgeoned into submission, then revived and seduced with economic cooperation and aid, does not stand up to scrutiny in the dappled sunlight of Hanoi's broad tree-lined boulevards.

Soviet bloc aid is central to Vietnam's survival, and is put at \$2,000 million a year. But the intimate relationship with Moscow is rooted more deeply in a shared perception of ideology and the ultimate insurance policy against Chinese might than in economics.

Presently benign weather and a wide-ranging reappraisal of agricultural policy, with greater reward for enterprise, promise self-sufficiency in foodstuffs for Vietnam this year. Eighty percent of the population live in the countryside, and this year has seen a perceptible improvement in their standard of living, even if only the chance to build a brick house. Ironically, those hurrying most are the honest cadres in the cities seeking to cope with an inflation rate of up to 70 percent, with a cloth ration of two and a half yards a year, and a monthly income of perhaps \$16.

Vietnam, said Nguyen Co Thach, would welcome improved relations with its non-Communist neighbors and the West. Moscow was recently denied oil-prospecting rights in certain choice areas of the country's continental shelf, leaving the door open for Western companies and their superior technology. The price being asked — total Vietnamese withdrawal from Cambodia — will not be paid. "Our forces in Cambodia are linked to the threat from China," said Thach. (ONS)



AGONY CONTINUES

French President Mitterrand said his country was ready to consider contributing to the multinational peace-keeping force in Sinai — a position which quickly earned him America's praise and gratitude. France has been careful throughout the term of office of Mitterrand's predecessor to keep a certain distance between itself and the Camp David "peace process," of which the proposed multinational force is a part.

But at the same time, President Mitterrand is saying that the peace plan which Saudi Arabia is advancing as a substitute to Camp David is a good starting point for a new phase in the quest for peace in the Middle East. The French president thus appears to be facing both directions at once — a position, surely, he cannot keep for long.

While one cannot deny that the new French administration's active interest in the Middle East is in itself something positive, the question still remains as to the ability of America's European allies — with France a leading country among them — to finally convince themselves and the Camp David parties that that particular road will lead nowhere but to further uncertainty and danger.

Until this happens, such confusions about the real issues in the Middle East as exemplified in Mitterrand's attempt to keep a foot in each of the opposing camps will continue — and with them will continue, and even deepen, the agony of so many countries and peoples in the area.

Saudi Arabian press review

Friday's two newspapers *Okaz* and *Al-Jazirah* frontpaged the Cancun summit conference which brings together rich and poor nations and the talks that Crown Prince Fahd had with the world leaders present there.

Okaz also highlighted the forthcoming Gulf summit conference and the Arab summit due to be held in Morocco at the end of November. Morocco's Foreign Minister Muhammad Boucetta was quoted as saying that the conference will not include Egypt but that the leaders will discuss the possibility of reinventing Egypt to attend future conference.

Al-Jazirah gave prominence to an American television network report claiming that the assassination of President Anwar Sadat was part of a failed attempt to overthrow the regime entirely. It also reprinted a story from *Al-Hawadess* magazine quoting the former White House adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski as saying that he had met with the PLO chief Yasser Arafat in Algeria when he

'Soviet tanks? No, thanks; let Poland be Polish'

By Dan Fisher

GDANSK, Poland.—"Symbols are very important to the Polish people," a young economist said here as he pointed out the emblems of busy traders inspecting one another's wares outside the Olivia Sports Palace where Solidarity, the free trade-union federation, held its first national congress last month. The traders were swapping Znaczkis — decorative lapel buttons and lapel pins that, in this country serve as a convenient medium for social comment.

"We won't give an inch," was the legend on one featuring a caricature of Solidarity leader Lech Walesa. "Soviet tanks? No, thanks," said another, in English. Still more called for "freedom for political prisoners" and to "let Poland be Polish." One simply featured an eagle wearing a crown — the prewar symbol of independent Poland. The Polish eagle lost its crown after the Russians "liberated" the country.

Solidarity has its own symbols. A poster printed for this congress pictures a year-old baby — the same age as Solidarity — carrying a stick. Another congress symbol consisted of three links of chain, representing the union's unity.

Of course, Solidarity is itself a symbol, one of a new political order emerging in Poland. In turn, some believe, Poland will become a new political model for all Eastern Europe. The latter may be a premature assessment. Exactly what shape this new order in Poland will take is still far from clear. But certainly, the monopoly of the Communist Party in shaping Polish life has been shattered.

Could it, even now, all be wiped away? Here in Gdansk, it's hard to imagine what it would take to reverse what has happened in Poland. It would, probably be impossible without destroying Poland itself.

Solidarity's muscle is awesome. Anyone who has been paying attention knows that the union now numbers about 10 million members — at least five times, and possibly seven or eight times, the number of party members. It has proved it can virtually shut down the entire country on the right word from its leadership.

But in some ways, day-to-day demonstrations of its power are even more impressive. At the best hotel in Warsaw, the Polish capital, the concierge told an American guest the other day that it would take at least three days to get a call through to the United States. Here in Gdansk, home of the union, Solidarity operators at the congress routinely put through dozens of calls to American daily, almost always within 30 minutes.

Off to one side of the congress floor, Solidarity

has set up a computer center. It has taken over almost every hotel along this popular stretch of Baltic seacoast, and rooms during the convention are only half-price. And while shortages plague the country, food is plentiful at the congress. But perhaps most important of all, Solidarity has unleashed Polish minds, Polish tongues and Polish pens.

In Moscow, a few dozen extremely brave dissidents will sign a protest over a particularly grievous human-rights violation. Others, in the privacy of their apartments and with the radio playing loud enough to foil any listening devices, will talk about what it's like to live in a police state.

Poland has long been open to the Soviet Union in that respect. An American, then living in Moscow, was impressed in a visit to Warsaw in the spring of 1980 at the relative frankness of Poles — even officials — in discussing their country. But that was all child's play compared with what happened here.

In its substance, if not its mood, the congress was much like an American political convention. Nearly 900 Poles publicly debated the future of their country. The proceedings were not telecast to the nation — the government refused to telecast the whole affair and Solidarity rejected the few hours of coverage the government offered. But it was broadcast through loudspeakers onto a public plaza outside the hall where thousands of other ordinary Poles would listen.

Last month they heard one delegate sneer at the government's economic reform plan as "administering a mild laxative to a dying man so as not to disturb his sleep."

The union's draft program reads like a bill of rights for Poland. "A Socialist state must serve man and not rule him; the state must serve society and cannot be identified with one political party," the document declares. It was the unlimited authority of the Communist Party and the government that "has brought the country to ruin," it adds. Delegates have proposed everything from cuts in defense spending to the construction of a monument to the Committee for Social Self-Defense, which has been Poland's best-known dissident organization.

The openness that characterizes Solidarity's work has spread throughout the society. Underground publishing operations have suddenly come into the open. All sorts of uncensored pamphlets and other literature were on sale outside the congress. One typical title: "Thirteen Days of Hope: Hungary, 1956."

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Nationalization bill unites French opposition

By Roger Crabb

PARIS — France's center-right parties, painfully adjusting to opposition after 23 years of unbroken power, have temporarily put aside internal feuds to fight the Socialist government's nationalization bill. Presidential elections in May saw Francois Mitterrand sweep to power at the expense of Valery Giscard d'Estaing, and a parliamentary poll the following month gave Mitterrand's Socialist Party an absolute majority, throwing the opposition into total disarray.

Throughout the summer, leaders of the former ruling parties lay low as the Socialists began to implement their new policies. A bill aimed at decentralizing decision-making in a country where for the past four centuries every local administrative measure has had to be referred to Paris was passed by parliament with the opposition seemingly sunk in torpor.

Mitterrand's election pledge to abolish the death penalty was rapidly implemented by the National Assembly, and the bill then won a large majority in the opposition-controlled senate, despite the fact that polls showed more than 60 percent of voters in favor of keeping the guillotine.

But the Socialist plan to nationalize 36 private banks, two giant financial holding companies, the

Dassault and Matra arms-making empires and the steel industry brought together Giscardians and neo-Gaullists in single-minded opposition. Ever since May, the two groupings have been blaming each other for the electoral debacle.

Giscard d'Estaing's supporters reproached neo-Gaullist leader Jacques Chirac with precipitating defeat by standing against the outgoing president and waging a highly critical campaign. Chirac's men, on the other hand, said the ousted president had only himself to blame for failing to heed their warnings that he was heading for disaster, essentially by pursuing a monetarist economic policy at the expense of jobs.

To make matters worse for the Giscard camp, the Union for French Democracy (UDF) — a loose alliance of his conservative and centrist supporters — itself began to show signs of breaking up. But the nationalization bill has brought the two groupings together to wage an onslaught on legislation they see as ill-conceived, irrelevant and ultimately ruinous for French industry.

Pacing an absolute Socialist majority, neo-Gaullists and Giscardians know they have no chance of defeating the measure. Instead they have decided to try to embarrass the government by stretching out the debate, which started on Oct. 13 and was scheduled to last 10 days, as long as possible.

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The twin aspects of the Muslim Filipino problem

By Shamsuddin Ansari

MANILA, Oct. 23 — With the Philippines recognizing no faith as its official religion, all citizens regardless of their religion and persuasion enjoy equal rights and privileges, as provided for in the country's constitution. The church is separate from the state — a matter that has been clearly recognized by the Philippine constitution.

A country with a predominant population of Roman Catholics, the Philippines has a sizeable number of Muslims living mostly in the southern part of the archipelago. They are commonly classified by language families, with the main groups known as the Maguindanaos of Cotabato, the Maranaos of Lanao, the Tausogs of Jolo and the Samals of Sulu and Tawi-Tawi. The regions in which the Muslims are found in a sizeable number are Sulu, Lanao del Sur, Tawi-Tawi, Maguindanao and Sultan Kudarat. The Muslims occupy nearly 23 percent of the total land area in the southern Philippines, called Mindanao.

It is said that the conflict in Mindanao is the result of historic inequalities and misunderstandings created by the alien colonization which shattered the basic unity of the Filipinos. Social instability in Mindanao and nearby islands is reported to have been caused by the colonialists and the struggle that followed against them. However, it was in late 1972 that tension broke out into small pockets of rebellion in some parts of the southern region. Rumors were set afloat that the government aimed at converting the Muslim population to Christianity. Even the armed forces' call for the surrender of arms was interpreted by the political groups in Mindanao as a state policy for a forcible conversion. These groups were composed of politicians who wanted independence of the islands of Mindanao, Sulu, Basilan, Tawi-Tawi and Palawan from the Republic of the Philippines. Thus the Moro Muslims of the south formed a liberation front called the Moro National Liberation Front, with Nur Misuari as its chairman.

They labeled a charge against the government of President Ferdinand Marcos that it is practicing genocide against its Muslim population. The government, however, denied the charge and alleged that it is working for the realization of socio-economic development in the south. At the same time, it claimed that the MNLF elements are hampering government efforts not only of a fear that a possible success of development programs might bring failure to their independence cause. According to the government, it has consistently pursued a policy for the comprehensive development and welfare of the Muslim Filipinos.

Official statements claim that the government has been duly concerned for the code of Muslim personal laws. The recognition of Muslim holidays and the King Faisal Institute of Islamic and Arabic studies which was established at the Mindanao University with

the assistance of Saudi Arabia. The Southern Philippines Development Authority (SPDA), which has been reinforced with a presidential decree, reportedly aims at boosting the region's Gross National Product (GNP) as well as its dollar earnings to offset importation costs of some inputs.

Meanwhile, as the government views, the regional autonomy in southern Philippines is in accordance with two basic precepts of the constitution, namely, the state shall guarantee and promote the autonomy of local government units, and shall consider the customs, traditions, beliefs and interests of national communities in the formulation and implementation of state policies. The two autonomous regions of Mindanao are Region IX which includes Basilan, Sulu, Tawi-Tawi, Zamboanga del Norte and Zamboanga del Sur; and Region XII has a local government structure of five provinces and three cities. The provinces are: Maguindanan, North Cotabato, Sultan Kudarat, Lanao del Sur and



TORTURE: The mutilated body of a Muslim citizen killed in an ambush by the Philippine government forces in Cotabato City in the Mindanao province.

Lanao del Norte. The cities are named as Cotabato City, Iligan City and Marawi City. So far, this has been the government aspect, in short, of the state of affairs in Mindanao. As regards the aspect projected by the MNLF, the group contends that the government has not been faithful to its promises pronounced through the Tripoli Agreement signed in December 1976. The MNLF leader, Nur Misuari, is not satisfied with the government pronouncements on the welfare of Muslim Filipinos. He charges that the government forces have killed 5,000 civilians. It is also said that nothing has so far been made known about the 300 school children who were reported to have vanished in a boat. Misuari insists on the independence of Mindanao, on the ground

that the government has not implemented the Tripoli Agreement. Therefore, he says it is futile to enter into any negotiations with the Marcos government.

Notwithstanding official clarifications during the recent briefing of a team of Saudi Arabian journalists in Cotabato and Zamboanga, the general feeling was that Muslims in the region did not enjoy full rights of a citizen. The thin number of Muslim soldiers in the Philippine armed forces and the very low percentage of Muslim employees in the public sector posed a big question mark. Incidentally, during a courtesy call on Zamboanga City Mayor Cesar Cimaco, he remarked that "martial law has not been lifted but tilted". Being a member of the opposition, he said that a strong opposition

was necessary for a successful government. He was critical of the government to its Muslims who were often called bandits and terrorists. Cimaco asserts that there was not a single Muslim judge at the supreme court, though he admitted that there were several Muslim jurists at the state level.

He was not in favor of secession but preferred national unity. Many Muslims too, he said, shared his views. Although he remarked that "we will make another Ireland for Muslims of the country", he urged fair treatment to Muslims of the country.

Cimaco's contention seemed to hold valid after we took time off to go round the city meeting people and visiting some of the Muslim-populated areas. During a brief sojourn in a Muslim colony, the ghastly sight of their dwelling in wooden huts, erected over the stinking drainage water with no outlet, left no pleasant impression. While some of the people met held mixed opinion on secession, others spoke enthusiastically about it. They said the government was not doing much for the Muslims.

When attention was drawn toward the state schemes for Muslim welfare, one remarked sarcastically that "the tusks of an elephant are different from its teeth". Earlier in Cotabato City, Mayor Teodoro Juliano also had referred to the Muslim situation and

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Dr. C. D. Garner and a colleague in the Chemistry Department at Manchester University in north-west England are thus exploring the anti-cancer possibilities for this particular group of compounds. Dr. Garner is supported in this work by the U.K. Cancer Research Campaign which has given him a \$21,000 grant for his work.

The research campaign is also backing several other cancer investigations. For instance, the Epstein Barr virus is a common infection and there is strong evidence that, in conjunction with other factors, it can induce two particular cancers. However, cancer does not develop in all individuals who contract this virus. In one study at the University of Bristol, in western England, Professor M. A. Epstein is investigating whether the controls that keep the virus in check in unaffected patients are impaired in those who develop cancer, or whether it is the malignant cells which are able to escape from these controls.

called for greater care for their uplift.


On the other hand, the Hashim Salamati faction of the MNLF viewed that the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) is not taking positive steps to persuade the Philippine government to resume talks with the MNLF. The faction contends that the government is implementing its new version of the Tripoli Agreement, without the participation of the MNLF.

The Cotabato City, some members of the MNLF Ceasefire Commission presented salient points of their position concerning the Tripoli Agreement and the establishment of the regional autonomous government in Regions IX and XII. In a memorandum, they said "the present structure and powers of the regional governments are not truly autonomous and not economically and politically viable... The ceasefire committee is not effective in implementing the terms of the ceasefire agreement. There is a need for the Quadripartite Ministerial Commission (composed of Saudi Arabia, Libya, Senegal and Somalia) to send its representatives in order to restore

the effectiveness and confidence of the Muslim masses and mujahideen on the Ceasefire Committee. Moreover, experience had it that abuses and excesses committed by the government forces have been neutralized by the presence of foreign ceasefire observers".

Apart from this, some photographs were made available, which depicted murderous acts claimed to have been perpetrated by the "elements of 39th I.B. Concom, at Malini St., Cotabato City, on Sept. 28. The victims are said to be Ahmad Damba alias Commander Bravo and members belonging to rebel returnees.


This certainly does not give a pleasant taste but creates doubts in the minds of those anxious to get acquainted with the real conditions of Muslims living in a republican country like the Philippines. However, it is still hoped that the Philippine government will take every possible step to live up to its declared policies, so that the Muslim Filipinos live in peace and harmony with other fellow-countrymen, enjoying full rights as equal citizens of a democratic country.



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By both houses of Congress

Veto planned to halt Reagan bid on MX

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23 (AP) — A House-Senate conference committee voted Thursday to require swift action by both houses of Congress in order to block U.S. President Ronald Reagan's plans for the MX missile and the B-1 bomber.

Congressional sources who declined to be identified by name said the conferees voted in their closed meeting to require that both the House and Senate approve resolutions of disapproval before Nov. 18 to prevent the administration from going ahead. The formula is a compromise between measures approved earlier by the two houses.

Four Democrats on the Senate Armed Services Committee agreed earlier to push for a measure that would allow the Senate to single-handedly veto the president's missile and bomber proposals.

Sources said Sen. Carl of Michigan, Henry M. Jackson of Washington, Sam Nunn of Georgia and Howard Cannon of Nevada reached the agreement at a meeting in Nunn's office. The four are also members of the conferees committee, which hopes to complete its work early next month on a \$136.4 billion Defense Department authorization bill.

When the authorization bills were initially passed by the Senate in May and the House in July, Reagan had not decided whether to build the B-1 or how to deploy the MX. Consequently the Senate voted to permit Congress, by action of both houses, to disapprove

any B-1 or MX plan within 60 days after the president submitted them.

The House voted to require the administration to wait 60 days after submitting its basing plan for the MX before speeding any move on it. Within that period, the administration would have to submit comparative information about various basing methods to Congress.

Reagan subsequently decided to build 100 B-1 bombers while perfecting a radar-eluding Stealth airplane and to put at least the first of the MX missiles in existing Titan missile silos that would be strengthened.

The administration abandoned an air force plan, backed by former President Jimmy Carter, to shuttle MX missiles among a network of shelters in the western desert to avoid detection.

Sources said the conferees voted to authorize spending \$23 million on research and development on the shuttle proposal, even though Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger has said it will not be among the options studied.

The plan adopted Thursday by the four Senate Democrats would require a majority vote by only one house to veto the administration proposals.

The four Democrats also tried to get hearings held on the MX and B-1 plans before the conference committee acts on approximately \$6.2 billion in military spending cut recently announced by the administration, the sources said.

Gossip item retracted

Washington Post apologizes to Carter

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23 (AP) — The Washington Post on Thursday apologized to former President Jimmy Carter and retracted its Oct. 5 report about rumors that Carter bugged Blair House while President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan were living there prior to Reagan's inauguration.

Post publisher Donald Graham, in a letter to the former president and his wife, Rosalynn, said, "I wish to retract the item that appeared in the paper's 'Ear' gossip column. I also wish to apologize to both of you for its publication and regret any embarrassment that it caused you."

The letter was printed in full in Friday's editions of the Post, accompanied by a front-page news story. There was no immediate comment from Carter, who had threatened a "seven-figure" libel suit and had demanded a retraction and an apology. Carter spokesman Jody Powell said the former president probably would have a

statement later. In the story, the Post quoted its executive editor, Benjamin Bradlee, as refusing to comment on whether the letter was part of an agreement negotiated with Carter to avoid a law suit.

Carter threatened to sue the Post after the item appeared. He said it was false and injurious to him, and he demanded a retraction and apology. The Post initially neither retracted nor apologized.

Graham's letter explained: "When we published the item, we had a source whom we believed to be credible and reliable, and he identified his sources as two members of your family..."

"We now believe the story he told us to be the Blair House during your administration. Nor do we now believe that members of your family said Blair House was bugged."

The original item reported "a hot new twist" on old stories that Mrs. Reagan had

Mahathir gains support as prime minister

In first 100 days

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia, Oct. 23 (AP) — Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Muhammad completed his first 100 days in office Friday with wide support and a growing reputation for his anti-British actions.

Western and Asian diplomats here said despite the current feud with Britain, the 56-year-old Malay Muslim leader is continuing a pro-Western and anti-Communist foreign policy and a free-enterprise system at home — policies this former British colony has followed since gaining independence in 1957.

Two weeks ago Mahathir claimed restrictions on British services and goods purchased by the government in an apparent retaliation for British moves to halt Malaysian takeovers of British companies in Malaysia.

Mahathir also raised eyebrows when he declined to attend the Commonwealth summit in Melbourne earlier this month. He said the Commonwealth had become all talk and little action with developed nations like Britain doing little for the poorer nations.

He, however, is not planning to pull Malaysia out of the Commonwealth, said government officials. Diplomats said the Singapore University-trained medical doctor's style is marked by his bluntness when addressing problems.

Mahathir pulled no punches in telling Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang that Malaysia is unhappy with Peking's support for the banned Communist Party of Malays (CPM) whose 3,000 guerrillas launch attacks from the jungles.

Mahathir has also cracked down on Communist sympathizers, arresting an editor of the Malay newspaper *Watan* for printing arti-

cles which allegedly were propaganda by the Soviet Embassy and the CPM.

Unlike relations with Britain, ties with the United States have been close although there has been some grumbling about the U.S. announcement last week that it would out sign the sixth international tin agreement which goes into effect in July, 1982.

Mahathir, when he took over from the ail-

ing Hussein in July, said to give him one year and then judge him. But on the domestic scene he has already won applause for his performance. Soon after taking office he released more than 20 persons detained without trial under the Internal Security Act.

Mahathir also decided to make the government more efficient and made it mandatory for the half million government servants

to note the timing daily when they came to work. All minister and senior government officials now are to declare their assets.

Newspaper surveys indicated that these house-clearing actions were well accepted. The Malaysian press worked under subtle censorship since before independence and Mahathir relaxed this a little, although saying some control would be maintained.

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Early takeover urged in France

VALENCE, France, Oct. 23 (R) — A leader of France's ruling Socialist Party Friday warned the government it must soon cut short the parliamentary debate on its nationalization bill and push the measure through despite an opposition filibuster.

Giving the keynote speech on the opening day of the Socialist congress in Valence, their first since winning power last summer, national secretary Jean Poperen said the delaying tactics of the center-right parties in the National Assembly were disturbing the smooth operations of the groups earmarked for takeover.

"We are ready to examine any constructive proposals made by the opposition, but for the

moment they have none. Their only aim in stretching out this debate is to cause difficulties and even to destabilize the firms due to be nationalized," he said.

The government's bill provides for the state takeover of five industrial groups, 36 banks and two giant financial holding companies, including the Cie Financiere de Paris et Des Pays Bas (Paribas).

Reacting angrily to Thursday's news that the Swiss subsidiary of Paribas had been sold to escape nationalization, Poperen said that while the government's bill was blocked in a maze of parliamentary amendments "capitalists are organizing a flight of funds abroad and putting their dirty hands on a part of

Paribas."

"Faced with this attitude," the Socialist No. 2 said to loud applause, "the government has the right, and the time is coming when it will have the duty, to use all democratic means to ensure that the people's will is respected and that the nationalizations are approved."

The debate opened on Oct. 13, but deputies — faced with 800 opposition amendments — are still only half way through their examination of the bill's 50 clauses. Poperen was the first senior official to address what has been termed the "victory congress," five months after President Francois Mitterrand coded 23 years of conservative rule.

One main issue is the future relationship between the party machine, with its 285-strong group of deputies, and the Socialist government.

BRIEFS

NARITA Japan (AFP) — The new Tokyo International Airport at Narita was closed for 5-1/2 hours Friday morning after a cargo jet of Trans-Mediterranean Airways (TMA) of Lebanon was forced off the runway upon landing in stormy weather. Airport officials said the nosewheel landing gear of the Boeing 707 jet was broken when the plane was buffeted by strong winds spawned by the approaching Typhoon Gay. None of the three crewmen were injured, they said.

SINGAPORE (AFP) — The Singapore parliament Friday unanimously elected Chengara Veetil Devan Nair as the republic's third president. Nair, 58, will succeed Benjamin Sheares, who died last May. The new president will be sworn in Saturday for a five-year term.

NEW DELHI (R) — A textile worker who hurled a knife at Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was Friday sentenced to three years' rigorous imprisonment. A New Delhi sessions court found Ram Bulchand Lalwani, 38, guilty of making an attempt on Mrs. Gandhi's life here in April last year. Lalwani was seized by security men shortly after throwing the knife at Mrs. Gandhi.

TOKYO (AFP) — French President Francois Mitterrand may pay an official visit to Japan next May, the daily *Mainichi Shimbun* reported Friday, quoting Japanese government sources. The paper said Japanese Premier Zenko Suzuki had, during his tour of France and other European countries last June, invited Mitterrand to visit Japan.

NEW DELHI (AFP) — China and India may resume cross-frontier trade suspended since the 1962 border war, it was reported here Friday. Chinese officials told a correspondent of the United News of India that they were "very confident" that China's next move would be the resumption of the centuries old border trade.

U.S. sees link among black, radical groups

NEW YORK, Oct. 23 (R) — A series of police raids appears to have produced a link among the radical Weather Underground, the extremist Black Liberation Army and recent anti-apartheid protests, police sources said Friday.

The raids followed the arrest of four persons including Weather Underground fugitive Katherine Boudin, after a gunbattle in which two policemen and a security guard were killed in a northern New York city suburb Tuesday.

Police and Federal Bureau of Investigation agents swooped on flats in New York city and a northern New Jersey suburb Thursday and discovered weapons, a diagram of a courthouse, disguises, key-making equipment and a list of possible targets.

The sources said the evidence appeared to link the Weather Underground, an urban guerrilla gang, with the Black Liberation Army, a group headed by fugitive Joanne Chesimard which is blamed for murdering several New York city policemen.

The flats searched included that of Eve Rosaban, who has been charged with partially blinding a New York city policeman by throwing an acid mixture at him during a protest against the South African Springboks rugby team last month.

Miss Rosaban's car was used as a getaway vehicle in an attempt to steal \$1.5 million from an armored security van — the crime that led to Miss Boudin's arrest. Officials said there was a similarity between a bomb which exploded in the office of the U.S. Rugby Association which sponsored the Springbok tour and those detonated by Weather Underground in the early 1970s.

Miss Boudin, who had been on the run since escaping from an explosion at a Weather Underground bomb factory 11 years ago, and the three persons arrested with her are to be charged with murder.

330 arrested in Japan

TOKYO, Oct. 23 (AP) — Police arrested 330 members of gangster groups Friday in a national crackdown two days before the scheduled funeral of the boss of Japan's largest underground organization.

A national police agency spokesman said those arrested, including 126 gangster leaders, were charged with blackmail, intimidation, fraud and violence. Since September the NPA has arrested 870 gangsters in a clean-up operation before funeral services for Kazuo Taoka, late boss of the Western-Japan-based Yamaguchi-Gumi. Thousands of underground leaders are expected to gather in Kobe Sunday to commemorate Taoka, who died of natural causes in July.

Basque buses burned

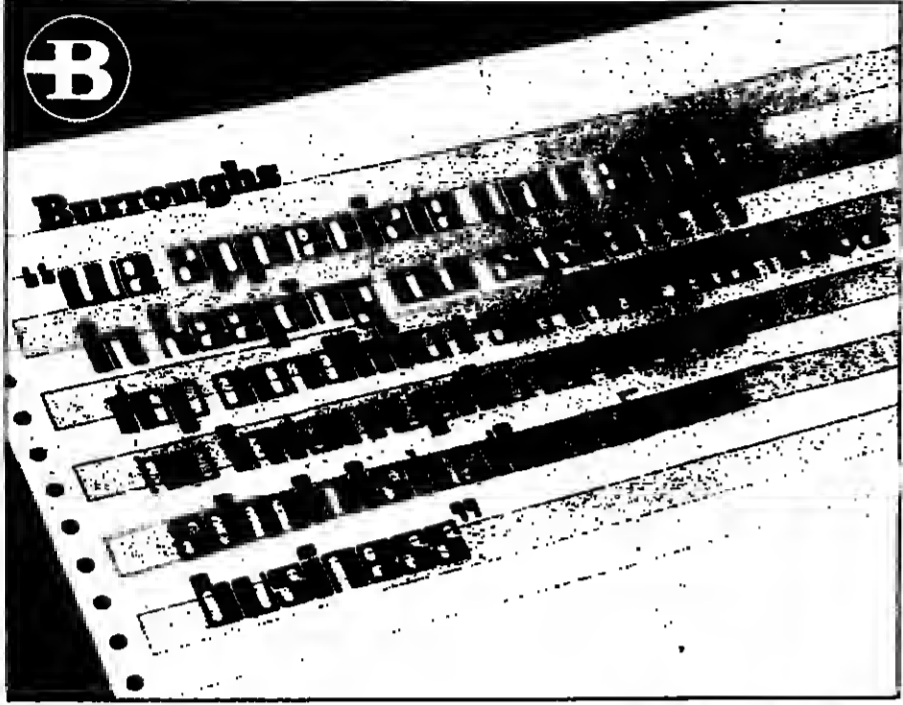
SAN SEBASTIAN, Northern Spain, Oct. 23 (AFP) — Several incidents, some violent, were reported in Spain's Basque region Friday where strikes were being held to protest the death Wednesday of two alleged Basque separatist military leaders in a shootout with civil guards.

Reports said barricades were erected at several points in San Sebastian, capital of Guipuzcoa province, where demonstrators overturned and set fire to vehicles, particularly buses. Informed sources said a general strike order drew 90 percent support in nearby Hernani and Tolosa. Business Establishments closed down in several other localities, report said.

The two killed Wednesday in the shootout near Renteria, in Guipuzcoa were Jose Maria Izaguirre Gogorza, known as "Gogor" and believed to be the leader of the military wing of the Basque separatist movement ETA, and Jose Jauregui Alube Josexio.

Prisoner revolt ends

PALMI, Southern Italy, Oct. 23 (AFP) — Four prisoners who took two guards hostage and barricaded themselves in a cell of the high security prison here surrendered to authorities Friday only a few hours after they had taken the hostages, judicial sources reported.



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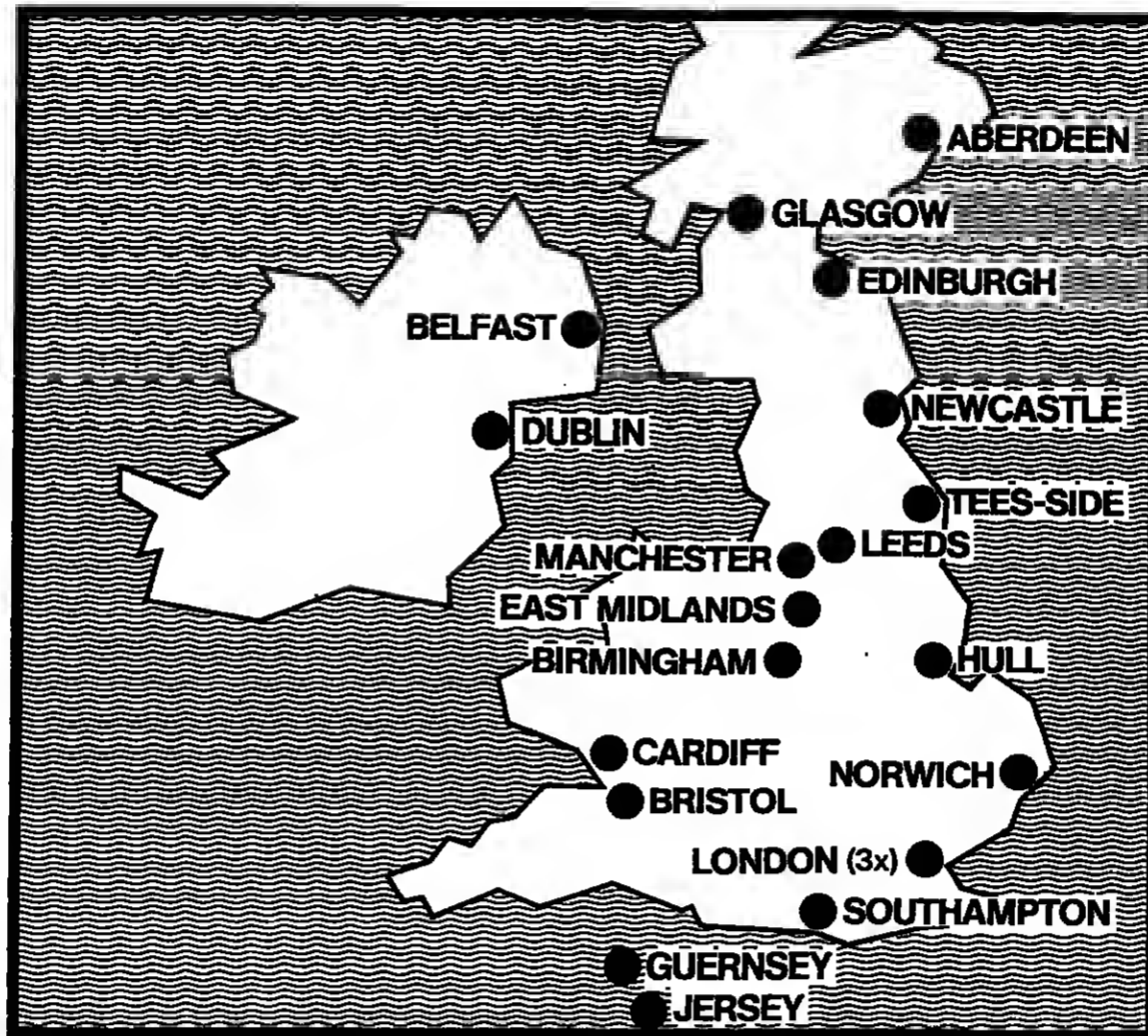
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 - Provide all labor, material, and equipment to operate and maintain the water treatment facility described above for a period of two (2) years after completion of construction.

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Ban on Chile lifted

\$5.8b foreign aid bill approved by Senate

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23 (AP) — The Senate Thursday passed a \$5.8 billion foreign aid authorization bill after voting to lift a prohibition on U.S. military assistance to Chile.

The final vote was 40-33 on the bill, which includes repeal of a ban on aid to anti-Communist forces in Angola, a tough new provision aimed against nuclear proliferation as well as language to re-establish the Peace Corps as an independent agency.

The house has not yet passed its version of the foreign aid bill. When it does, differences between the two measures will have to be worked out by a conference committee.

The action came on legislation containing a section removing the Peace Corps from administrative control of action, the government's umbrella volunteer agency. The provision had been included by the foreign relations committee despite administration insistence that the Peace Corps be kept under action.

An amendment by Senator O'Brien G. Hatch, a Utah Republican, to block the Peace

GM incurs \$468m loss

DETROIT, Oct. 23 (AP) — The world's biggest auto builder, General Motors, has announced a \$468 million loss in the third quarter of the year.

This poor result reflected low output due to prolonged weakness of the U.S. economy, said GM's President Roger Smith, and increased costs due to retooling for next year's models.

The recall will cover three models in the 550-cc class—carry, carryvan and carry panel-van, including 22,583 vehicles sold in Egypt, Chile and Pakistan, he said.

No accidents have been reported so far, but the shock absorber on the front wheel could come loose if subject to strong pressure or shock, he said.

Owners of the models in Japan will have three months from Friday to bring their cars in for free repair work. Similar steps will be taken for foreign owners, he said.

Corps change proposed by the committee was defeated, 48-39.

By 57-30, the Senate defeated a motion to table an amendment offered by Senator Jesse N. Helms, a Republican from North Carolina, to flatly repeal the Chile restriction.

The Senate then voted 86-0 to adopt a compromise amendment that conditions resumption of military aid with an official finding by President Ronald Reagan that Chile's right-wing government has made "significant progress" in the human rights area.

Other major provisions of foreign aid authorization bill for fiscal 1982, the year which began Oct. 1, include conditions on U.S. assistance to strife-torn El Salvador, repeal of a ban on aid to anti-Communist forces within Angola, and an automatic cutoff of American aid to any Third World country which explodes a nuclear bomb.

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The resurgence in inflation is bitter news for the Reagan administration which has been counting on a slower rate of increase to help push interest rates down.

Friday's report is likely to increase anxiety in the already jittery U.S. financial markets.

The consumer price index rose 1.2 percent last month after allowing for seasonal variation following a 0.8 percent rise in August and a 1.2 percent increase in July, according to data released by the Labor Department. Goods and services that cost \$100 in September 1967 cost \$279.1 last month.

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Exxon, reporting a drop in profits from \$636.4 to \$589.7 million for the quarter, blamed reduced demand and the strengthened dollar. But it raised its quarterly dividend from 70 to 75 cents.

The Gulf Oil Corporation said its net income rose from \$244 to \$316 million for the quarter. It cited better profit margins and a threefold increase in North Sea oil production.

Marathon Oil reported profits up from \$76.3 to \$146.6 million while the Getty Oil Company's profits rose from \$191.9 to \$205.1 million. The Union Oil Company of California said its earnings rose from \$122 to \$193 million.

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Bahraini Dinar	9.07	9.07	14.21
Bangladesh Taka	—	—	91.25
Belgian Franc (1,000)	91.00	—	283.80
Canadian Dollar	284.00	—	150.25
Deutsche Mark (100)	152.00	151.70	136.25
Dutch Guilder (100)	137.00	136.25	136.25
Egyptian Pound	—	3.83	4.11
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	93.00	93.15
French Franc (100)	60.00	60.75	60.00
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	55.00	60.75
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	36.95
Iranian Ryal (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	—	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	29.00	29.00	28.37
Japanese Yen (1,000)	14.60	14.65	14.69
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.23	10.13
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.15	12.08
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	74.00	73.72
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	61.50	65.80
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.68
Philippine Peso (100)	—	—	43.30
Pound Sterling	6.24	6.28	6.21
Qatari Ryal (100)	—	94.00	94.00
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	163.30
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	35.50	35.25
Swiss Franc (100)	181.00	181.30	179.95
Syrian Lira (100)	—	88.60	63.35
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U.S. Dollar	3.42	3.43	3.425
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In Bridgestone Golf

Irwin spurts ahead

TOKYO, Oct. 23 (AFP) — Two-time U.S. Open champion American Hale Irwin fired a sizzling seven-under-par 65 for a two round total of 135 and a five-stroke lead in the 50 million yen (\$213,000) Bridgestone Golf Tournament here Friday.

Irwin, a 13 year veteran of the U.S. tour and winner of this year's Hawaiian Open, rolled in nine birdies against two bogeys on the 6,539-meter par 72 Sodegaura Country Club course. His 65 equaled the course record.

The heavy rains from the year's 24th typhoon, which had played havoc with many players on the first day Thursday, let up during the night and it turned out to be ideal golf weather when the second round teed off Friday morning.

Three-time British PGA champ Nick Faldo of Britain, the overnight leader, shot a one-over 73 to be tied at second place with Zimbabwean Nick Price and Japan's Masashi Ozaki and Toru Nakamura.

Meanwhile, U.S. Open champion David Graham crashed badly in the opening round of the \$80,000 CBA Westlakes Golf Classic at Royal Adelaide Thursday and is in danger of missing the cut.

The Lancome trophy winner hit an opening round of 77 four over the card and nine behind first leader Eamonn Darcy of Ireland, who fired a five under 68.

The Irish champion teed off with West Australian Graham Marsh at 7:30 in the morning in a light wind, which steadily strengthened throughout the day. Darcy started his round on the right foot with a birdie on the first hole, held par on the following six holes, posted birdies on the eighth, ninth and eleventh holes, bogeyed the twelfth and birdied the fourteenth and seventeenth holes.

In Lake, Buena Vista Florida Pro golf tour sophomores Vance Haefner and Mike Holland hit for eight birdies and two eagles to match Lott and Harwell's score on the easier 6,642-yard Lake Buena Vista layout.

The Lott-Harwell team banged in 10 birdies and an eagle in this unique best-score event, pitting 16 two-man teams playing four rounds over three courses.

Harwell, a 1979 University of Alabama graduate in his second year on the pro tour, and only \$6,439 in official money winnings this year. But his teammate, Lott, called him a "birdie machine" after the stocky Harwell accounted for nine of their 10 birdies and the eagle.

"Barry shot 61 on his own ball," said the Drawing Lott, an eight-year tour veteran. "That was a phenomenal round of golf."

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NEW YORK, Oct. 23 (UPI) — The World Series resumes in Los Angeles Friday night and the New York Yankees, with a 2-0 lead, send Dave Righetti against the Dodgers' Fernando Valenzuela. It marks only the second time two rookies have opposed each other in a World Series game.

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Maradona's quit move jolts Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 23 (AFP) — Argentina's young superstar, Diego Maradona, a key player in the national team, announced on Sunday that he intends to quit the game after the season and failed to turn up for an important training session this week.

The country's government and military leaders are hoping for success in next year's World Cup to boost Argentina's tarnished international image, and a source close to the government said Maradona's problems are a "subject of great preoccupation."

General Roberto Viola's government has given football selector Cesar Menotti full support to help his team retain the trophy it won in 1978 when Argentina hosted the competition.

Civil rulers and defense chiefs keep a close eye on all international sporting encounters. Ministers and general are often seen at the fights of Argentine boxers Custavo Ballas and a mountain of telegrams, including one from General Viola, were sent to encourage Argentine racing driver Carlos Reutemann during his bid for the world drivers' formula One champion last Friday.

Menotti will take full charge of the World Cup squad for five months before the final, despite the objections of the debt-laden big clubs.

Maradona's crack up was due not only to physical exhaustion after a very long season, but also to participation in friendly matches, commercial obligations and publicity about his personality and talent.

To make semifinals Winitsky upsets Purcell

TOKYO, Oct. 23 (AFP) — Seeded players Eliot Teltscher, Pat Dupre and Balazs Taroczy as well as unseeded Van Winitsky won two men's singles matches each Friday to move into the semifinals of the \$175,000 Japan-Asia Open Tennis Championships at Tokyo's Denen Clay Courts.

Winitsky, an American, upset fourth-seeded American Mel Purcell 7-6, 7-5 in a thrill-packed quarterfinal. Earlier, Winitsky downed Jim Delaney of the U.S. 6-7, 6-4, 6-4, while Purcell cut down Tim Gullikson of the U.S. 6-3, 6-7, 6-3 in the third round to move into the quarterfinals.

Top-seeded American Teltscher, making full use of his top-spin backhand, came from behind to beat Buster Mottram of Britain 5-7, 7-5, 6-3 in the third round and then scored an easy 6-1, 6-4 quarterfinal triumph over Terry Moor of the U.S. to advance into the semifinals. Moor, seeded eighth, ousted Larry Stefanki of the U.S. 7-5, 6-4 in the third round.

Eleventh-seeded Dupre of the U.S. moved into the semifinals by eliminating Heinz Gunwardt of Switzerland 7-5, 6-2 in the third round and third-seeded Wojtek Fibak of Poland 7-6, 6-4 in the quarterfinals. Fibak beat Martin Davis of the U.S. 3-6, 6-4, 6-0 in the third round.

Second-seeded Taroczy of Hungary outclassed Jun Kuki of Japan 6-1, 6-2 in the third round and hammered out a 6-3, 6-1 quarterfinal victory over Ricardo Cano of Argentina to move into the semifinals.

In the men's singles semifinals tomorrow, Teltscher will take on Winitsky, while Dupre

will play Taroczy. In the women's singles, seeded players Pam Casale, Barbara Jordan and Marine Pinterova as well as unseeded Brazilian Patricia Medrado won two matches each to advance into the semifinals.

In Melbourne, America's Vitas Gerulaitis gave a strong message that he is the one to beat by winning a confident second round match in the \$125,000 Miracle Indoor Tournament.

Gerulaitis put Melbourne youngster Pat Cash through his paces in a 6-4, 6-2 win, which also had a strong message for top seed and early favorite, Melbourne's Peter McNamara.

Meanwhile, Australian Colin Dibley beat American Jimmy Arias 7-5, 6-2 and Vincent Van Patten of the U.S. defeated fellow countryman Bill Scanlon 6-5, 7-6 in Seoul Friday in the semifinals of the \$45,000 Haitai Invitational tournament.

On Thursday Van Patten beat compatriot John Sardi 6-4, 7-5 and Scanlon downed another American Victor Amaya 6-3, 6-2 in first round matches.

China finishes ninth

HON KONG, Oct. 23 (AFP) — China took ninth place in the ten-nation second Junior World (field) Hockey cup here when they whipped Thailand 8-0 Friday. China's center-forward Yo Badong scored five goals.

Thailand who have not won a match and scored only one goal while conceding 41, were completely outclassed by the Chinese, chalking up their second successive victory.

Menotti said Maradona, who celebrates his 21st birthday on October 30, was willing to play in forthcoming friendly matches, but wanted to be excused from training.

"I could not accept. Discipline is the same for everyone and we have had to dispense with his services from the game," the manager said though he added that the incident would not affect selection of the World Cup squad.

Maradona's confused and contradictory statement pushed political problems out of the headlines here this week. Only his appearances at a training session with his club Boca Juniors on Wednesday relieved the gloom. The man in the street here believes Maradona's absence in Spain would be a national catastrophe.

Karpov-Korchnoi game adjourned

MERANO, Italy Oct. 23 (AP) — The eighth game of the World Chess Championship was adjourned on the 41st move Thursday. Experts said champion Anatoly Karpov had a narrow advantage over challenger Viktor Korchnoi, but they generally predicted a draw.

"White (Karpov) is slightly better, but I think it's a draw," U.S. grandmaster Robert Byrne said.

Korchnoi ran short of time at the end of the evening's play, when he had five minutes to make his last 10 moves. Each player has two and a half hours to complete his first 40 moves, or forfeit the game.

Experts said Karpov had a slightly stronger position on the queen's side, where his rook controlled the queen rook's file and his pawns were better placed.

Move by move

White-Karpov Black-Korchnoi

Classical Plans Opening

1. E4	E5	2. Nf3	Nc6
3. Bc4	Bc5	4. Cs	Nf6
5. D3	D6	6. Nbd2	A6
7. 0-0	0-0	8. Bb3	Ba7
9. B3	Bb6	10. Bc2	D5
11. Re1	D:e4	12. Dxf4	Nf5
13. Nf1	Qc:d1	14. R:d1	Rad7
15. Bb3	F6	16. Ba4	Na7
17. Nc3	Nf4	18. h4	Bf7
19. Nc1	Nc3	20. f3	Ne6
21. Nd3	Rd7	22. Bb3	Ne7
23. Nd5	Nc6	24. Ba4	B5
25. Bc2	Rf:d8	26. G3	Rd6
28. B4	Ne7	29. Nc3	Rc5
30. Ra3	Nc3	31. A:B5	A:B5
32. Nc2	Nb2	33. Kf2	Rd1
34. B:d1	Rd6	35. Bf2	B5
36. Ra5	Rd8	37. Ke1	C5
38. Ra6	Rb6	39. Bd1	Nc3
40. Nd3	Nc7	41. Ra5	Ad1

Majid slams splendid century

PERTH, Oct. 23 (AFP) — A cavalier century by Majid Khan rescued Pakistan in its game against West Australia here Friday.

With Majid racing to 110 in 169 minutes, Pakistan finished the first day of their Australian tour with a handsome 338-7. The not out batsmen were Ejaz Faki (38) and Wasim Bari (12).

The Pakistan batsmen were presented with every opportunity to enjoy some confidence building practice when captain Javed Miandad won the toss.

But, after a superb 104 run start by openers Mudassar Nazar (57) and the 19-year-old Riswan-uz-Zaman, the middle order failed. It toppled with five wickets tumbling for only 55, leaving the tourists with a precarious 159-5. This set back was a major surprise in view of the ordinary West Australian attack, robbed of its star bowlers when Dennis Lillee and Terry Alderman withdrew from the game with minor injuries.

The innings was magnificently patched up by Majid, well supported by Imran Khan (43)

and Ejaz, Majid and Imran smacked 77 in 69 minutes for the crucial sixth wicket.

Meanwhile, an Indian high commission spokesman said in London Friday that Mrs. Indira Gandhi will stop in London on Sunday on her way home from the North-South Summit in Mexico but will not comment on the proposed English cricket tour of India this winter.

The spokesman said the visit — for one night only — was purely private and Mrs. Gandhi had no plans to meet British Ministers.

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BRIEFS

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — West Germany beat Holland 4-0 Thursday night in a final match to win the 1981 World Women's Invitational Soccer Tournament after 12 days of competition.

DENVER, Colorado (AP) — Paul and Eddie Whittle — refreshed by a "short snooze" in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates — took off for Colombo, Sri Lanka, early Friday on the sixth leg of their Around-The-World record attempt in a 14-year-old single-engine airplane.

NEW YORK (AFP) — Defending champions American Alberto Salazar and Norway's Grete Waitz are the men's and women's favorites for the 12th New York Marathon here Sunday. Some 16,000 runners from 57 countries will be setting out from the Verrazano Bridge in the 42.195 km (26 miles 385 yards) race.

LONDON (AFP) — Former president of the International Amateur Athletics Federation (IAAF) Lord Burghley died Thursday aged 76. A former Olympic gold medalist, he

first competed in the Olympic Games as a 19-year-old hurdler in Paris in 1924.

PORT CHESTER (AP) — Britain clung to the lead in the World Contract Bridge Team Championship here Thursday by defeating its closest rival, Poland, 12-8. This allowed the United States to draw closer by defeating Argentina 15-5.

BRIDGETOWN (R) — The Commonwealth Games Federation has rejected a request by Caribbean and African organizations for a meeting to exclude New Zealand from next year's Commonwealth Games because of its sporting ties with South Africa.

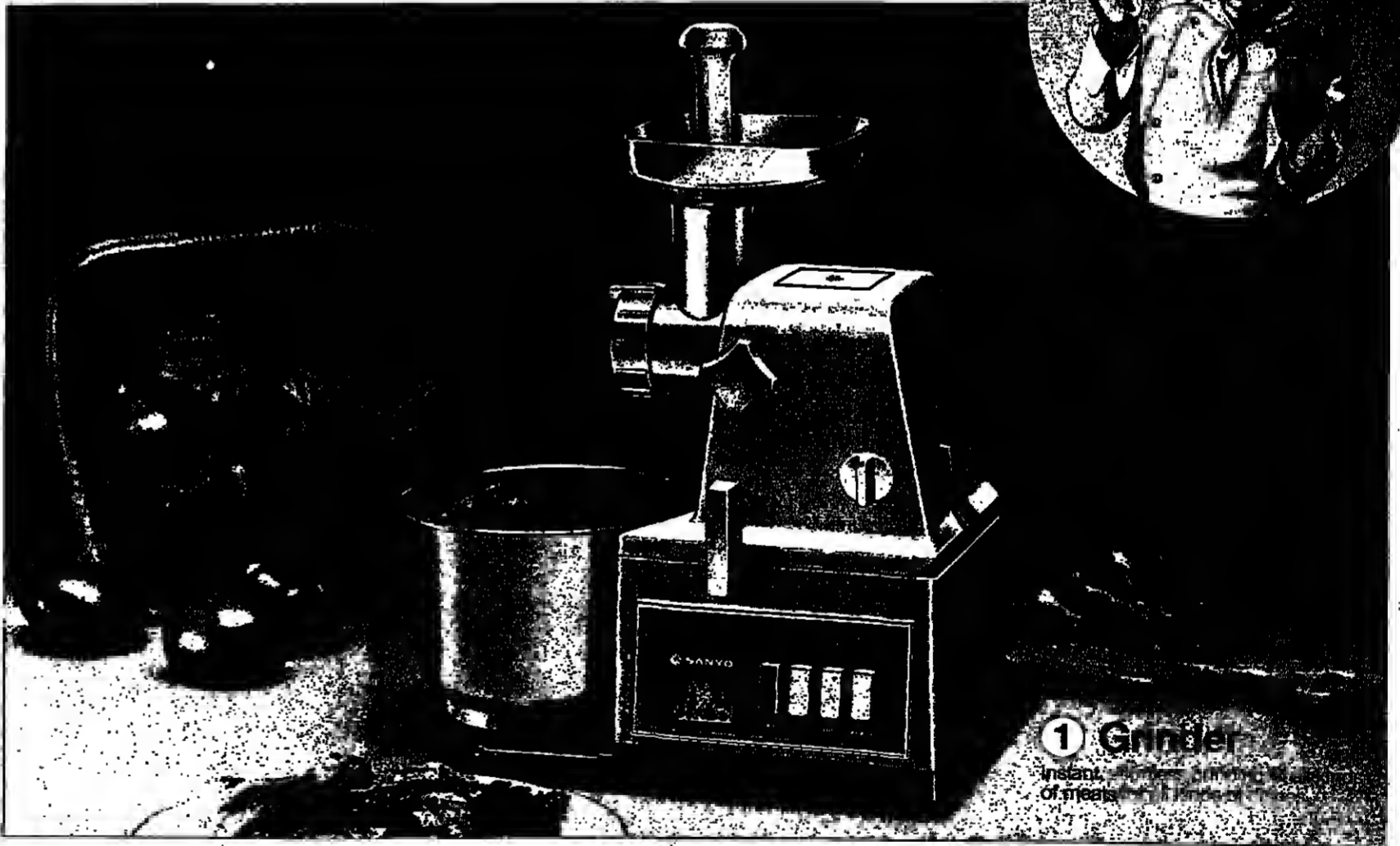
FRANKFURT (AFP) — The team of Belgian Patrick Sercu and Dane Gert Frank led after the first night of the six-day cycling race here Friday. Crack Australian team Danny Clark and Donald Allen were in third, behind Dietrich Thurau and Gregor Braun of West Germany.

MONTREAL (AFP) — West Germany beat China 19-17 (8-8 halftime) in the Junior Women's World Handball Championships.

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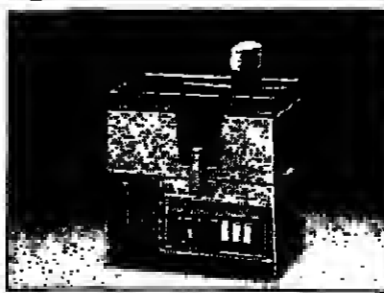


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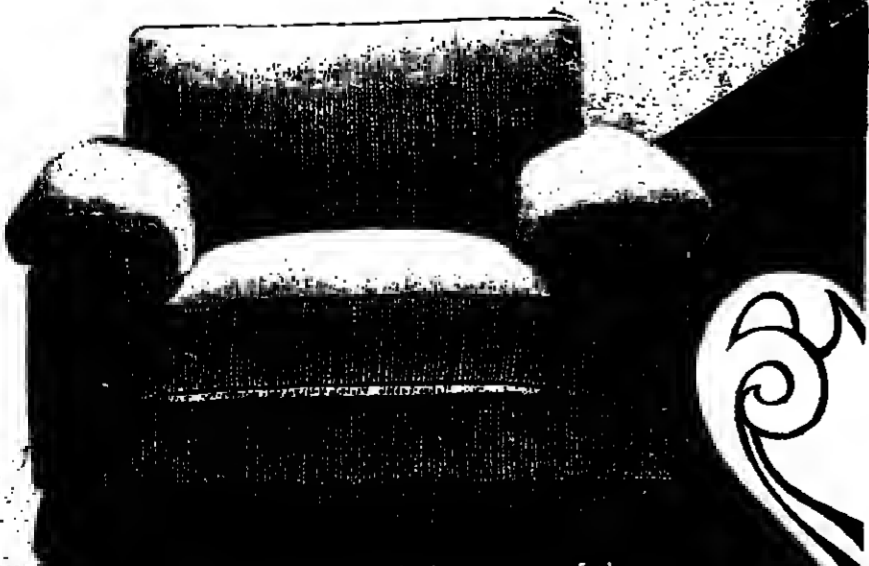
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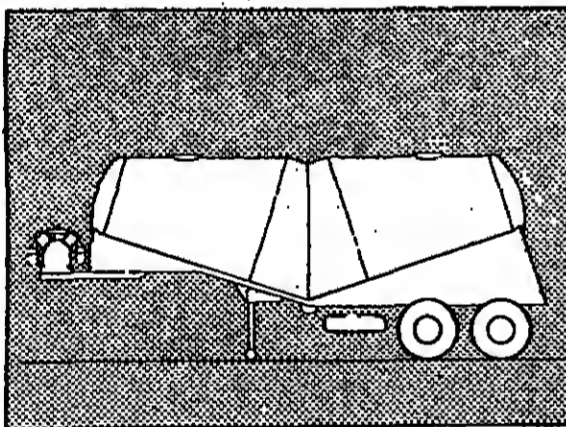
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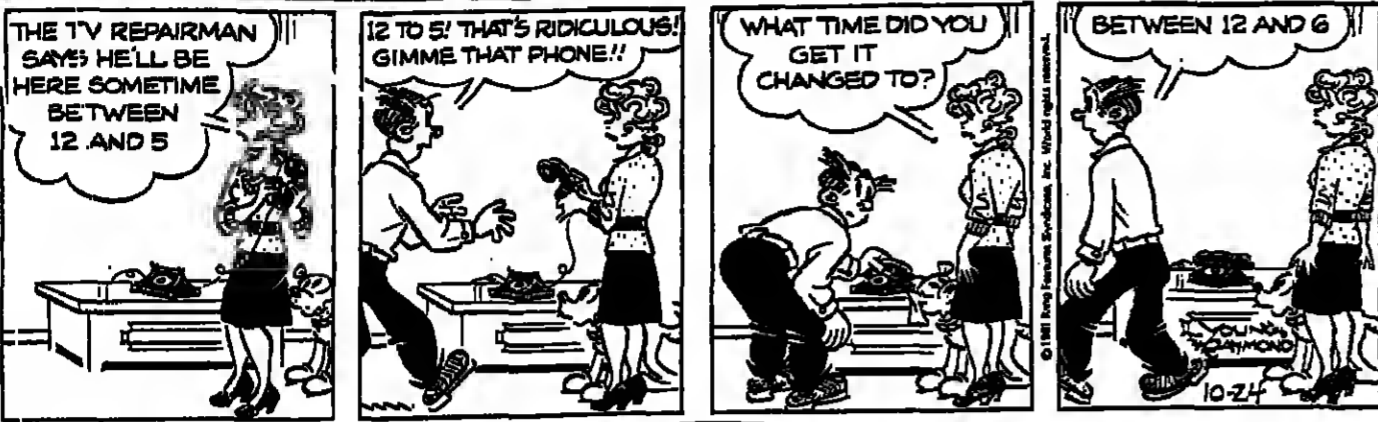
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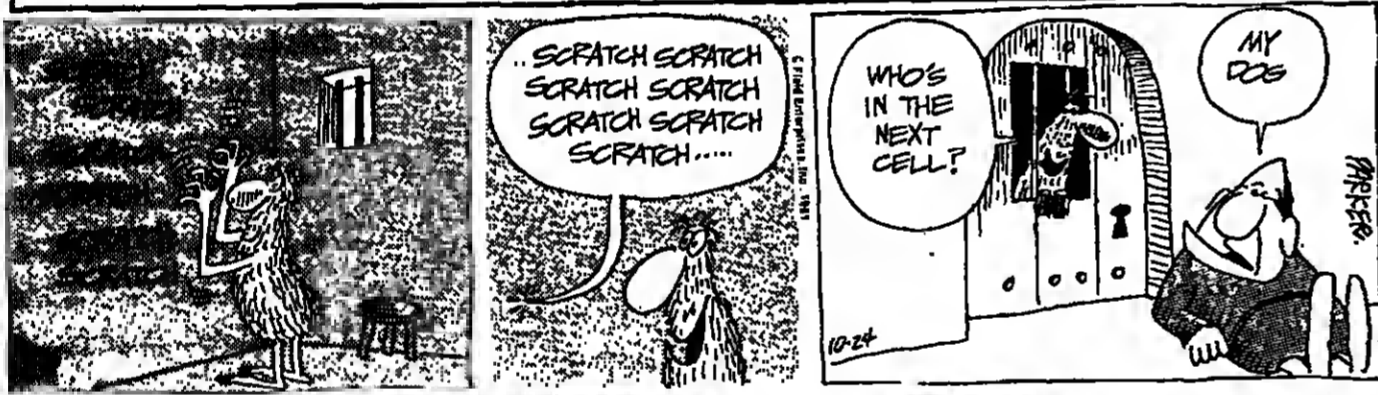
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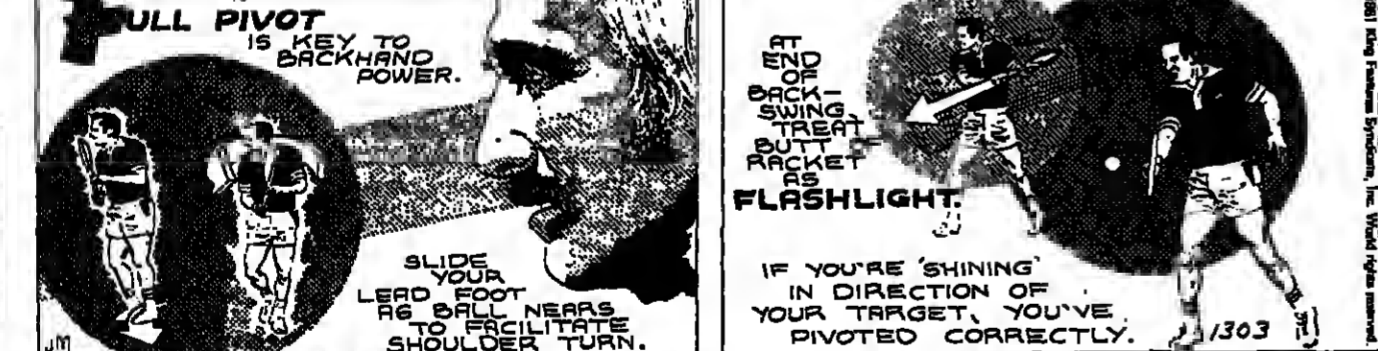
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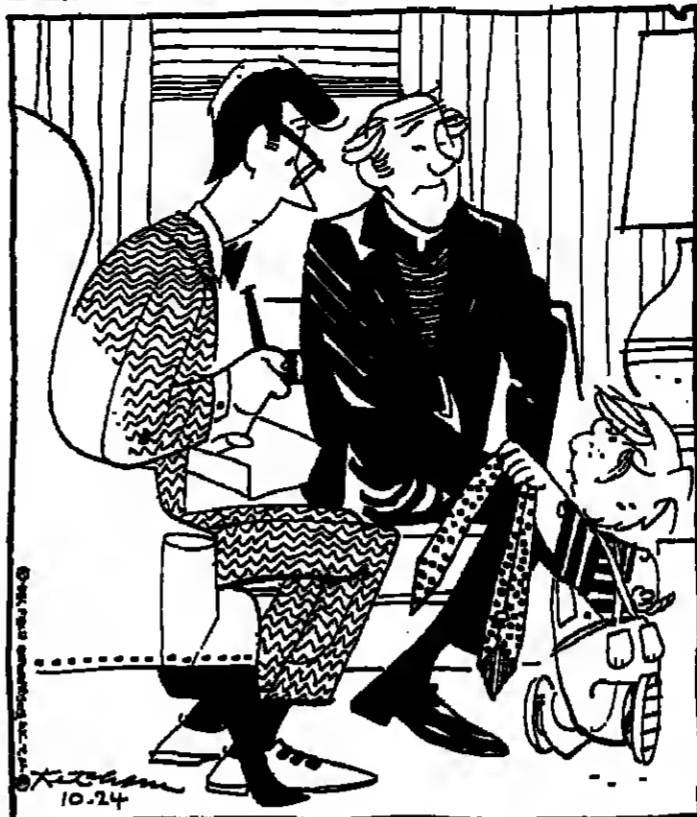
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Intense negotiations under way

Poland studies coalition with Solidarity

By Brian Mooney

WARSAW, Oct. 23 (R) — Poland's ruling Communist Party is preparing to invite the independent trade union Solidarity into some form of coalition, according to well-placed party sources. The party sources said intense negotiations were under way, involving leaders of Poland's Roman Catholic church and representatives of other sectors of society, and the precise nature of the offer would be revealed next week.

The initiative to broaden the basis of governments in Poland followed the switch in

party leadership last Sunday when Army Chief and Prime Minister Wojciech Jaruzelski took over from Stanislaw Kania.

The sources said a process of co-governing or sharing in decision-making was envisaged but that the new arrangement would still have to be based on acceptance of both the Communist system and the party's leading political role. They conceded that it remained to be seen whether Solidarity would accept such a subservient role and abandon its demand for a non-party state council to control the economy and give up its long-term goal of free elections.

Gen. Jaruzelski began soundings for a new political formula as soon as he was elected, meeting the leaders of the Communist-allied political parties and the Roman Catholic primate, Archbishop Jozef Glemp. The church has exercised strong influence over Solidarity since it emerged as the Soviet bloc's only free trade union movement during the 1980 worker unrest.

The sources said there were hopes that the church, acting as a form of power-broker, would persuade Solidarity to cooperate. Gen. Jaruzelski was expected to meet Solidarity leader Lech Walesa in Warsaw, possibly

Saturday, to discuss the political future, the sources said.

The idea of a coalition, even a government of so-called national salvation, has been floated in Poland on and off for some months as the country has slid further into political and economic chaos. Solidarity's leaders have tended to resist such ideas, arguing that the role of their mass movement was to act as a check on the government rather than to govern.

The union has also expressed fears of being sucked into what it regards as the sham national unity front, the umbrella organization through which the Communists theoretically control all political activity. The front has to approve all candidates for elected office, thus ensuring that the democratic and peasant parties remain inside the Communist fold.

Solidarity, however, wants to break the front's monopoly and has called for free nominations to the local council elections early next year as a prelude to free elections to parliament. The Communist Party sources said there would have to be some compromise on both sides if a common platform was achieved.

"The government and the Communists are prepared to invite representatives nominated by other parties and trade unions to co-govern in important decisions," one of the sources explained. This could result in non-party experts being nominated as ministers, the sources said.

The final shape of the offer would be worked out at a meeting of the Communist Party central committee and a session of the Sejm (parliament), both expected next week.

An article in the influential weekly *Kultura* said there was a political deadlock in Poland. "There is a total jam, with one party claiming that it would do its best but exclusively on its own while the other says it would also manage very well, had it not been disturbed," the weekly said.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khazem

Earlier this month, President Reagan gave an important news conference — one in which the Arab world was pleasantly surprised to hear him say that he will not allow another state (meaning Israel) to dictate America's foreign policy. That was rightly said, and it was high time, too.

But many missed another remark which was also not at all unpleasant to hear. It was also surprising to hear it from such a quarter, which is (how shall we put it), not known for overzealousness where it comes to purely intellectual pursuits.

The remark came as the president was defending his economic policies — specifically the question of tax cuts. And who does he bring as an authority? Not old Milton Friedman or any such newfangled monetarist but our old, old friend from the Maghreb, the father of all historians and social thinkers, the great Judge Abdul-Rahman Ibn Khaldun of the celebrated *Prolegomena*. Move over Milton, give way to your seniors (the judge lived in the 14th century A.D.) and betters.

What struck President Reagan was a passage in which the Arab thinker was amplifying his view of how societies arise, prosper

and then decay. In it he remarks that at the start of the cycle great revenues are collected from small investments, while at the end, great investments yield but small revenue. (This might strike you or me as a reasonable enough view to take, but apparently, in economics, if you realize this you're on the right track toward a Nobel Prize.)

The incident puts the American president in a new light. Here is, apparently, a pleasant enough old party (with "prematurely orange hair" as someone remarked) who goes around his routine business of putting the fear of God in the welfare-assisted poor at home and the Russians abroad. But not The man harbors a secret passion for the esoteric lore of the mysterious East. Is he, perhaps, a closet Averroist (if that's what you call a follower of the great Ibn Rushd), a wanderer in the gardens of late Platonism and Aristotelianism. A geometer, an algebraist, an alchemist?

Like hell he is. And it is possible that we have blown the whistle on the last remaining Arabist amongst his speech-writers. Friend, who ever you are, *Salam!* And please, please, mind how you go.

Translated from Ashraf Al-Awsat

Polish union votes for national strike

WARSAW, Oct. 23 (Agencies) — Leaders of the Solidarity free trade union Friday voted to call a one-hour national strike next Wednesday to protest against government policies, union officials announced.

The strike decision was taken by the union's national commission which met in Gdansk to consider policies in light of the leadership change in the Communist Party, a worsening food crisis and signs of a police crackdown.

The 107-member national commission, the union's legislative body, also threatening to stage further strike action from next month unless authorities transferred control of the economy to a non-party social council.

The commission said the action starting from next month would involve "active strikes" in which miners and workers in the food industry would stay on their jobs but sell and distribute their produce in ways to be determined by Solidarity.

The commission set Wednesday's strike, the first national stoppage since March 27, for noon. The move was criticized by some union radicals for being too soft, but it could be a means of bringing an increasingly anarchic labor situation under control.

Wildcat strikes have been breaking out in Poland for several days, affecting at least 36 of the country's 49 regions. The Communist Party newspaper *Trybuna Ludu* Friday compared Poland to a boiler which could explode at any time. The commission called for an end to all protest actions pending next week's strike but also demanded that the government meet the strikers' demands, mainly related to food shortages.

Union officials said next week's protest strike would not necessarily torpedo any overtures because it would not be staged with follow-up threats or any specific ultimatum. They said it was an action designed to demonstrate yet again the strength of the 9.5-million strong movement at a time when the authorities are applying more pressure but failing to cut the bread lines.

"There is a deep crisis in all the fields of the economy as the result of the errors of the policy of the ruling party," the resolution proclaiming Wednesday's strike said. It said the crisis was felt above all because of food and meat shortages.

"The actions of the authorities are chaotic and are causing the situation to worsen, and they have lost the confidence of soc-

ety," the resolution added. It said Solidarity had called for the establishment of a social council for the economy to break down mistrust of authorities who were refusing to let society control its own endeavors.

The resolution also complained about a crackdown on the union's press and media activities which caused clashes between Solidarity and police in Katowice and Wroclaw this week. "Irresponsible actions by the authorities could lead to a national catastrophe... We believe the situation demands that society warns adventurist groups with a short but unified national protest," it said.

"The commission therefore decides that work will stop on Oct. 28 at noon in all factories and that sirens will be let off and street traffic halted," the resolution concluded. It called simultaneously for a halt to all regional and factory strikes.

Meanwhile, East Germany's official news agency ADN Friday stepped up its campaign against the Solidarity, charging the independent union with trying "to torpedo the return to normal life in Poland."

The agency catalogued a list of alleged provocations by Solidarity, including strikes and protests in such cities as Walbrzych, Zielona Gora and Grudziadz.

Worth \$3.3 billion India finalizes Mirage deal

PARIS, Oct. 23 (R) — India Friday finalized details for the purchase of France's Mirage-2000 combat aircraft in a major arms deal worth an estimated 20 billion francs (\$3.3 billion), French officials said. Indian Defense Secretary P.K. Kaul had talks lasting two hours with French Defense Minister Hermu.

A French Defense Ministry statement said talks had been held to facilitate the conclu-

sion of an agreement between the two countries before Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi comes to France next month. The contract is expected to be signed during her three-day visit starting Nov. 12, officials said.

Kaul and Hermu then flew to Istres, in southern France, to watch a flight demonstration of the delta-winged Mirage-2000 designed to carry tactical nuclear missiles.

Air Chief Marshal Dilbagh Singh and other senior Indian Air Force officers who attended Friday's ministerial meeting also flew to Istres.

Negotiations for the sale of 150 Mirage-2000s to India have been going on for two years. Several Indian Air Force evaluation teams have come to France for detailed inspection and some of its pilots have flown the \$35 million plane in test flights. The aircraft, which flies at Mach 2.2 or more than twice the speed of sound, is equipped with Matra air-to-air and air-to-ground missiles including France's newest Supergate missiles for high altitude supersonic dog-fights.

India has been pressing for early delivery, within two years at the latest for the first batch of planes, to obtain them by the time Pakistan receives its first U.S. F16 aircraft.

French industry officials said 40 Mirage-2000s would be delivered in the mid-1980s, 40 more would be built partly in France and partly in India and assembled at Indian aircraft plants in Bangalore, southern India, and 70 would be built entirely in India under license. India, whose Air Force is equipped with Soviet MiG-23 aircraft and recently acquired MiG-25 Foxhats, is seeking to diversify its sources of aircraft supplies.

Libya said offering discount in oil price

NEW YORK, Oct. 23 (AP) — Libya, whose crude oil price of \$40 a barrel is among the highest in OPEC, is offering a 2 dollar-a-barrel discount, industry sources said Friday.

The move underscores a downward trend in OPEC prices that many analysts believe will climax soon on a new oil cartel price agreement. Earlier this week another OPEC member, Nigeria, offered a discount of \$1.50 a barrel to bring its asking price down to \$34.50.

Italy votes for hearing against 5 P-2 judges

ROME, Oct. 23 (AFP) — The executive council of Italy's High Court has voted to open a disciplinary hearing against five judges who are believed to be members of the secret Masonic P-2 lodge. The council determined Thursday that there was not sufficient cause to hear charges against 11 other judges also suspected of membership.

The P-2 (Propaganda Due) scandal erupted May 20 after the publication of a list of 963 presumed members of the lodge, which was under a preliminary investigation. The names of these government ministers, numerous civil servants from all government departments, and the heads of the secret services were included in the list. The case led to the fall of the center-left government of Arnaldo Forlani May 26.

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Europe after World War II. The U.S. reaction to the Austrian plan was lukewarm. But Austrian officials said that in brief talks with Austrian Foreign Minister Willibald Pahr, President Reagan was sympathetic.

As co-sponsor of the summit, Austria is eager for it to succeed and Pahr is taking a prominent role in the absence through illness of Chancellor Bruno Kreisky. In his statement to the opening session, he deplored the absence of the Soviet Union and said this did not mean the Kremlin could keep aloof from the problems being discussed at Cancun.

172-year 'war' to end in tiny Spanish village

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 23 (R) — Peace will break out between Denmark and the tiny Spanish village of Huescar next month after 172 years of warfare, Foreign Ministry sources said. Friday, a formal armistice will be signed on Nov. 11 by Denmark's ambassador to Spain and the mayor of Huescar, in Spain's southern Andalusia province, they said.

The rest of Spain has never been at war with Denmark but Huescar's town council declared war in 1809 in a fit of patriotism after the Danish kingdom sided with France against Britain during the Napoleonic wars. Formal hostilities have remained in effect ever since, largely because Denmark was unaware of them, the Foreign Ministry sources said.

U.K. time to change

LONDON, Oct. 23 (AP) — Summer time will end in Britain at 2 a.m. (0100 GMT) Sunday Oct. 25, when clocks go back one hour to Greenwich Mean Time, the government announced Friday.

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